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NAZIS SEEK WAR IN BOMBARDING SPANISH PORT AND ENDING 'NEUTRALITY' PRETENSE

Mapping Out the Sign-or-Strike Campaign in Steel



CHAIRMAN PHILIP MURRAY (with hand outstretched), of the CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee, confers with local steel union leaders at Pittsburgh on plans to smash the "unholy alliance" of the independent steel companies which refused to sign contracts. Jones and Laughlin came through after a short strike; others are being struck now.

FIREMEN FOR POLITICAL LABOR ACTION

Instruct Delegates to Maritime Federation Parley

Issues of the most vital importance—issues which the ILA convention in Seattle faced in a rue progressive way—will come up before the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Convention, opening in Portland on Monday, June 7.

The Federation's relationship with the CIO, its attitude toward independent political action by labor; support to Spain's fight against fascism and for democracy; and not least of all, the manner in which the Federation and its affiliates will work with the National Maritime Union of the East and Gulf Coasts toward national unity of maritime labor—these are among the high points at the Portland convention.

Brophy a Delegate

John Brophy, CIO national director, will be a delegate to the convention.

The Marine Firemen's Union has instructed its delegates to support the following resolution on independent political action:

RESOLVED: That we go on record as favoring giving assistance to Labor's Non-Partisan League and supporting their policy as stated in their Declaration of Purpose, as a step towards independent political action on the part of labor, and vice versa.

RESOLVED: That our delegates to the Pacific Coast Maritime Federation Convention be instructed to introduce and support this resolution at the convention.

Newsboy Strikers Accuse Papers

OAKLAND—The News Vendors Union, CIO Local 335, filed charges last Saturday against publishers of six Bay Area capitalist newspapers for violation of the Wagner Act, with the Federal Labor Relations Board.

On strike for a week, the 300 union members are still solid, despite attempts at intimidation by local police and by circulation bosses of the papers.

The papers involved are the Post-Inquirer and Tribune of Oakland, and the News, Call-Bulletin, Examiner and Chronicle.

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POLAR FLYER



M. V. VODOPIANOFF, ace Soviet pilot, who guided the expedition to the North Pole.

CAMPAIGN FOR C. S. APPEALS

Hearing June 9; S. F. Mass Meeting Wed.

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A state-wide mobilization to strike a blow at the California Criminal Syndicalism Act is under way leading up to the hearing on June 9 before the Third District Court of Appeals in Sacramento.

On that day individuals and delegations from all parts of the state are expected to be in the court chambers in the capitol to back up the legal appeal which will be made by the eight victims of the Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism verdict of April 1, 1935.

S. F. Mass Meeting

A mass meeting was scheduled in San Francisco Wednesday night, June 1, at the Cooks Union Auditorium, 111 Jones street, near Golden Gate Avenue.

Assemblymen Ellis E. Patterson of King City and Paul Richards of San Jose, who were released pending appeal; George Woolf, president of the Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, and a representative of the Modesto Defense Committee; Caroline Decker, victim of the Sacramento case, now on parole, has been invited to speak.

At the hearing in Sacramento June 9, Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson, Caroline Decker and Nora Conklin will argue their own appeals. Nora Conklin was released on May 27 from Tehachapi prison on an eighteen months' parole.

Al Hougardy, Lorine Norman and Jack Crane will be represented by Leo Gallagher.

MARINE UNIONS 100% BEHIND FORD STRIKE

Ford Products Hot; Labor Council Hits Machinist Heads

RICHMOND (Contra Costa County)—Henry Ford, whose Richmond plant is tied up by a strike of 1855 United Auto Workers (CIO) members, is learning some severe, but needed lessons.

One is that not only cannot Ford get away with trifling with the CIO, but also, if he does attempt to do so, he's bound to come up against retaliation of all progressive sections of organized labor.

The Maritime Federation of the Pacific has decided to support the Richmond strikers, who demand adjustment of a long list of grievances, and \$8 for a 6-hour day and complete union recognition. In addition, strict seniority rights and ousting of Harrison and Creighton, bosses of the Ford plant, are demanded. Besides that, the Int. Longshoremen Assn. has refused to load Ford cars and trucks. A shipment of Ford's destined for Seattle is lying on the docks, declared hot cargo by the ILA.

Seamen's unions have also branded Ford products as hot cargo.

"West Cape" Minus Ford Cargo
The McCormick freighter West Cape is well out of Port Richmond, but minus the Ford shipments it was supposed to take on.

Ford has a prospective shipment of 1800 trucks earmarked for Japan. These too are hot cargo.

The UAW in the Los Angeles area is ready to strike in support of Richmond. Frank Slaby, CIO organizer for the automobile industry in northern California, belittled the Automobile Mechanics Union claims of any real membership in the Richmond plant. The AFL craft reactionaries, E. H. Vernon, business agent of the Auto Mechanics and West Coast AFL Organizer Rowland Watson, have gone in for chartering a company union in Ford's.

At the meeting called by Huybrecht of the Machinists last Friday, there were 300 present, but most of them were members of the Machinists, not employees of Ford, together with about 150 Ford Company men.

A special meeting of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council last Saturday condemned the reactionary Machinists' officials for their actions, and endorsed the UAW leadership in Ford's.

But the UAW has 1300 of the 1800 Richmond Ford workers, and the only men at work are maintenance crews, all members of the CIO union.

In Detroit, president Homer Martin of the UAW said, in connection with the bang-up launching of the drive on Ford's that: "The blackshirts of Dearborn are not going to stop the organization of Ford workers." Pres. Homer Martin of the United Automobile Workers of America declared, following the brutal beating of union organizers by Ford "service men" (private police).

Spread of Strike In SF Hotels Seen

SAN FRANCISCO—With the strike in San Francisco's 16 leading hotels in its 32nd day, culinary unions involved in the walkout on Monday considered an early spread of the strike to Class B hotels.

Such a step would considerably strengthen the position of the hotel workers. An estimated \$25,000 weekly was reported as coming in for support of the strike.

GETS A TRIBUTE



BEN GOLD, elected president of the Intl. Fur Workers Union, as a tribute to his great work for the furriers. International, at Chicago convention, affiliated with CIO.

WILL PICKET NAZI CONSULS

Part of Mobilization To Aid Spain

Demonstrations before the Nazi consulates, denouncing the bombardment of Almeria and the deliberate attempts to smother the world in a new war, will assume major proportions in Spanish Aid Week which California will observe from June 13 to June 20.

The picketing demonstrations were already scheduled in San Francisco on June 12 as a prelude to the week of Spanish aid mobilization. In Los Angeles the demonstration was set for June 19, at a meeting of some 250 workers who had just picketed the Italian consulate last Saturday, under the leadership of the Communist Party.

State-Wide

The state-wide mobilization has been called by the North American Committee for the Defense of Spanish Democracy, which appealed to all trade unions, religious, social, fraternal and other progressive organizations to join in holding meetings of commemoration for the slain civilians in the demolished cities such as Guernica, in raising funds for the Lincoln Brigade of American fighters in Spain, and in protesting the intervention of Fascist Germany and Italy.

The Communist Party has issued an appeal to collect in its own name \$2000 for the California members of the Lincoln Brigade, to be used for candy, cigarettes and other small comforts so necessary to those fighting in the trenches.

In addition the Party will participate in the week's mobilizations along with other organizations, including the "Omit-a-Meal" day on June 17, the state-wide "tag-day" on June 19, and the house-to-house mobilization on June 20 for the collection of funds.

In Los Angeles Saturday more than 300 pickets demonstrated in the name of the Communist Party for more than an hour in front of the Italian consulate. The strength of the mobilization and the support received from the sidelines resulted in a complete hands-off policy by the police, for the first time in any picketing of a fascist consulate. The consul received a delegation from the pickets, agreeing to forward it to Italy as demanded.

NOTICE

Wanted—Ten San Francisco comrades to help in the Western Worker Circulation Drive. Business Office, 121 Haight Street.

GERMAN SHIP IN BALEARICS OPENS ATTACK

Spanish Planes Reply By Crippling Nazi Battleship

WASHINGTON—Senator Borah (R., Idaho) and Senator McKellar (D., Tenn.) on Monday urged that application of the neutrality legislation be extended to bar shipment of war material to Germany, as a result of the Nazis' shelling of Almeria.

LONDON—Nazi Germany, acting in concert with Italy, opened a direct murderous attack on Spanish Loyalist airplanes and on the civilian population of the Loyalist port of Almeria, following its action by the withdrawal of both Italy and Germany from the non-intervention committee and the international control scheme in Spain.

That the Nazis intended to pursue the attacks on Spain in further open violation of neutrality and with provocations leading toward a general war was indicated by the venom in their cabinet statement which declared that additional German ships have been ordered to Spanish waters with instructions to fire upon any approaching Loyalist airplanes or warships.

The action tossed to the winds all pretense of neutrality by which fascist countries have hitherto masked their invasion since the start of the Spanish "civil war" on July 18, 1936.

Nazis Started It

Anti-aircraft guns from the Battleship Deutschland opened fire on Loyalist government planes from its position at anchor in the rebel port of Ibiza, Balearic Islands. This provocation, from a German ship participating in the so-called "neutrality" blockade, was immediately answered by Loyalist bombs which crippled the Deutschland, killed 23 of its crew and injured another 83.

With the Nazi press in Germany shouting in unison against the "Bolshevik murders of Valencia" and concealing the fact that the Deutschland had opened a bombardment of Almeria, from where it was reported that 35 were known to be killed, 65 wounded and 100 missing. Buildings, including several of the International Red Cross were destroyed, and civilians were killed by shrapnel and falling debris.

Italian Torpedoes

A submarine, believed to have been of Italian origin and command, torpedoed and sank the Spanish steamer City of Barcelona.

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SCORCH RELIEF 'EAR-MARKING'

Labor's League Hits Pork-Barrel Plan

WASHINGTON—Administration leaders won a four day truce in the House battle over relief funds declaring that President Roosevelt was opposed to the proposed earmarking of the relief appropriation.

The House adjourned over the Memorial Day holiday without taking final action on the bill and it was the hope of the White House and its representatives in Congress that recalcitrant members could be brought around during that time. President Roosevelt let it be known that the earmarking of \$505,000, 000 would provide private employment for only 100,000 persons while it would necessitate dropping 330,000 from WPA rolls.

Opposition to the pork barrel raid developed in other quarters. E. L. Oliver, executive vice president of Labor's Non-Partisan League issued a statement declaring that "it is to be regretted that there could be found in Congress a group willing to jeopardize the small and inadequate provision made for those destitute by injecting their pet local bids for federal funds."

Big Shipments of Scrap to Japan

PANAMA CITY—Japanese militarism's feverish preparations for war against China and the Soviet Union are corroborated by the thousands of tons of scrap metal quietly going through the Canal, bound for Japanese ports.

Last week, in one morning, five ships with a total of 42,000 tons of scrap, estimated to be worth \$850,000, passed through the Canal. Metal scrap bound for Japan has been going through the Canal for the past two years.

Over 2000 Picket Movies in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Over 2000 people picketed Hollywood and Los Angeles movie houses Saturday, in support of the 5000 Federated Motion Picture Crafts strikers.

Indications that film companies may settle with the Federated later this week were reported, but are as yet unconfirmed.

Dissatisfaction within the Intl. Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, at the IATSE officials strikebreaking, is also reported as having an increasing effect.

PEDRO ANGER STILL SEETHES

4-Hr. Strike Starts Drive on Brutality

SAN PEDRO—"Bill Gregg" Killed by a Rat.
These are the words chalked around the "shrine" set up at the spot where ILA member Gregg was murdered in cold blood by police officer Redding last Thursday.

The 4-hour general protest strike—a real political strike—was an event of last Friday, but the white-hot anger of the Pedro longshoremen at police brutality continues.

Not a longshoreman worked in this the nation's fifth largest port city; union members came from all parts of the port to participate in the great demonstration of 500 maritime workers.

Stores and offices were closed. Street cars did not run. All the while San Pedro police stood by with tear gas bombs, their fingers itching, but fear of labor's power holding them back.

The mass pressure of the ILA members has forced Deputy District Attorney Stahlman to issue a complaint, charging police officer Redding with murder.

A giant mass meeting of ILA members at Wilmington Bowl adopted this resolution:

"Resolved that every effort be made to indict and enforce the prosecution of the officer who shot Norman Gregg and that steps be taken to stop police brutality and terrorism which is used at every opportunity in the of California where workers are striving to better economic conditions.

"It is the intention of the maritime unions to start a program to change the deplorable conditions that exist in the State where law enforcement officers are arrayed against the workers."

BUILDING TEAMSTERS OUT

SAN FRANCISCO—Members of Building Material Teamsters Union Local 216 are solid in their strike which began last Thursday. They demand a uniform 7-hour day, and refuse to arbitrate.

SEATTLE FERRIES STRUCK

SEATTLE—Three hundred Inland Boatmen Union members, on strike for 20 per cent wage increases and shorter hours, have tied up Puget Sound ferry service.

DROUTH AREA SITUATION

WASHINGTON—Return of normal rainfall to the "dust bowl" would not insure farmers' prosperity in the drouth states, according to a WPA report.

S. F. Local Wins First Cannery Closed Shop

While Vandeleur Machine is Busy Betraying Workers in Stockton Canneries

The difference between a cannery workers local which manages to do without the "services" of state federation of labor Ed Vandeleur, and one which, as in Stockton, is "blessed" with the autocratic interference of the Vandeleur machine, was shown when Cannery and Preserve Workers local 20,739 of San Francisco signed an agreement with the PXL (Workman) Cannery, the first cannery closed shop agreement in California.

Cannery Workers local 20,739 is at present leading 300 workers of the Teag Garden Cannery on strike for higher wages. The strike is solid.

Contrast With Stockton
While the Stockton cannery and the company slate put into office in the union there, together with Vandeleur's representative, state federation vice-

president McManus, refuse to reveal the nature of the standard wage scale they intend to serve for the entire state, the San Francisco agreement with IXL provides full union recognition, union hiring hall, 40-hour week, 50 cents minimum for women, 65 cents for men, 80 cents for kettlemen and warehousemen \$1 for shipping clerks and \$6.50 a day for foremen.

In the main, these are the demands the Stockton cannery workers made in their recent walkout, demands being evidently betrayed by the Vandeleur machine. The IXL concessions are in line with the demands drawn up by the recent cannery union conference of 76 delegates from 26 plants in Sacramento, San Jose, Sunnyvale, San Francisco and the East Bay area.

'A HUNDRED TIMES MORE FOR SPANISH DEMOCRACY,' URGES COMMUNIST PARTY STATEMENT

Widest Masses Must be Reached in Week of Aid to Spanish Forces of Democracy (June 13-20 in California)

A call to do "a hundred times more" in arousing and mobilizing American masses to support anti-fascist Spain has been issued by the Communist Party of the United States.

Addressing itself to all Party members and to all friends of democracy, the call urges wholehearted cooperation with the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, in observance of Spanish Aid Week, which in California will take place from June 13 to June 20 (elsewhere in the country from May 30 to June 9).

"During this American week for Spain," the call, signed by William Z. Foster, chairman, and Earl Browder, secretary, said, "the people must raise a mighty voice, a voice that will not only be heard by the hundreds of thousands fighting for democracy in Spain, but also by the Government in Washington."

"Let the American Government know that the American people will no longer tolerate an ambiguous position which, instead of helping a friendly, democratic government and people, is helping the barbarians of the 20th century, the Nazis and fascists."

Text of Call

The text of the Communist Party call follows:

TO ALL PARTY MEMBERS:

TO ALL FRIENDS OF SPANISH DEMOCRACY:

The most terrible crime of modern times is being committed by fascism in Spain. For months defenseless women and children have been murdered from the air. Historic monuments, national shrines, are destroyed by the fascist barbarians. It is a spectacle that makes every one with a human heart and a decent intellect demand all aid to be given to the heroic people to crush the fascist invaders sent by Hitler and Mussolini.

A few days ago the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, the broad united front of all organizations and parties working for Spanish democracy, issued an appeal to all organizations affiliated with it to conduct a special Spanish Aid Week beginning Decoration Day, May 30th, and ending June 9.

The Communist Party, which is affiliated to the North American Committee, immediately endorsed this measure to increase aid to Spain. It is in line with the proposal recently adopted by seventeen Communist Parties meeting in France which urged that a Spanish Week be held in all countries.

The Communist International and the Communist Parties of all countries are in the front ranks of all those aiding the Spanish people. Our Party, together with the working class and all lovers of democracy, has done much to support our fighting Spanish brothers. But we must do more—a hundred times more—not only in giving concrete help in the form of funds, food, clothing and medical aid, but—in arousing and mobilizing the American masses who have a deep-rooted love for democracy and liberty which grew out of the battles for independence and the fight against slavery and the struggle against the 20th century Tories.

We must arouse the American people in support of the Spanish people, who, with arms in their hands, are fighting the battle for democracy under present day conditions, as the American people fought in 1776.

Comrades and fellow workers! During this American Week for Spain, the people must raise a mighty voice, a voice that will not only be heard by the hundreds of thousands fighting for democracy in Spain, but also by the government in Washington. Let the American Government know that the American people will no longer tolerate an ambiguous position which, instead of helping a friendly, democratic government and people, is helping the barbarians of the 20th century, the Nazis and fascists—a position which, instead of making the fascists tremble, encourages their frantic armaments race, encourages new provocations in Spain, permits their threat to world peace.

The Lincoln Battalion

Let the millions of Americans know that the best representatives of American lovers of democracy are fighting today shoulder to shoulder with the Spanish people under the banner of the Lincoln Battalion. The so-called democrats, who mouth full of phrases, appeal to Lincoln, Jefferson and Jackson, but violate everything that these representatives of the glorious democratic past of America stood for and take a position contrary to all American traditions of liberty. But over 2000 Americans are writing with the blood the history of the continuation of the revolutionary traditions on the battlefields of Spain.

During the week from May 30th to June 9th, the Commu-

nists of America must reach the masses everywhere, in every shop, every trade union, in their neighborhoods and neighborhood organizations. Let every meeting hall of the American trade unions, every street corner of America, resound with the call launched by our Party: Support the struggle of the Spanish people! Support the People's Front!

Building a People's Front

Let the American toiling people make known their determination not only to increase their help to democratic, heroic Spain, but their determination to build a powerful People's Front at home which will be their answer to the Liberty Leaguers, to our own would-be fascists, to the reactionaries of the Republican Party, to the reactionaries in the Democratic Party, to the friends of the fascists who are raising money for Franco's butchers.

Let the reactionaries know that the American people following the example of the masses of Spain will defeat the maneuvers and intrigues, that the American toiling people are ready to engage in the greatest struggle for the maintenance and extension of democracy, that fascism will never be tolerated in our country.

Comrades! On with the preparations for the American Week for Spanish Democracy! Prepare powerful demonstrations and picket lines before the German and Italian consulates. See to it that the working class organizations of your city send delegates to the German and Italian consulates, demanding the immediate withdrawal of their military forces in Spain. See to it that tens of thousands of Americans call the German and Italian consulates by phone, letting them know that the American workers will no longer tolerate the acts of barbarism perpetrated in Spain by the invaders.

Involving New Forces

Hold meetings in front of every factory gate, on all the busy street corners of your city. Issue hundreds of thousands of leaflets, appealing to the widest masses to participate in the demonstrations, to come to the meetings.

Sell the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker at every demonstration, at every meeting. Make the most careful preparations, having ready collectors for food, pledge cards, cigarettes. Every district, every section, branch, unit, shall set up its quota, and get to work at once.

During the week, our Party should be able not only to speak to millions, to involve new masses in the campaign in support of the Spanish people, but to bring to the American masses, to all lovers of democracy, that our Party is in the front ranks in the struggle against fascism. The ranks of our Party during this week must be swelled by thousands of new, good fighters who will strengthen our forces and in turn this will increase our power in the struggle towards democracy, progress and socialism.

William Z. Foster, Chairman, Earl Browder, General Secretary, C. C., C. P. U. S. A.

Nazis Seek War in Shelling Almeria

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One, with 50 reported drowned and many injured.

Two additional torpedoes were fired at another Spanish freighter off Barcelona, both missing. One of them landed on the beach, bearing Italian inscriptions.

Meanwhile another artillery attack was launched on the civilian population of Madrid, with several hundred shells bursting in the streets within three hours. Fifty persons were killed and 70 wounded.

The Basque armies defending Bilbao held off a heavy attack by the Fascist army under General Emilio Mola on a strategic highway junction 10 miles south-east of the city. More than 100 fascist planes strafed the civilian population and military forces in the area with bombs and machine gun fire.

Senate Kills Bills On Spotters, Tax

SACRAMENTO—The reactionary Senate defeated another pro-labor bill, when a 24 to 16 vote turned down the Hawkins-Miller anti-spotter measure.

Under the bill employees accused on any charge supplied by spotters would have the chance to require personal appearance of the spotter before employee could be dismissed.

Led by Senator Knowland of Alameda County, reactionaries in the Senate killed an attempt to withdraw from committee the Hunt Bill to exempt restaurant meals from the sales tax. Knowland is author of an anti-strike bill.

The Big Push Against Ford Is On!



THE CIO United Automobile Workers Union has launched its big drive on Ford—the Richmond, Cal., strike is a foretaste of what Ford will face if he remains obstinate in refusing to grant union recognition. Photo shows strategy board in recent Kansas City Ford strike.

Over 2000 Hear De Roused at Murder Los Rio in S. F. Of Five, CIO Lines Tighten-up in Steel

More than 2000 San Franciscans Sunday night heard Dr. Fernando de Los Rios, Ambassador of the Spanish People's Government to the United States, give the latest official news of the Spanish war to save democracy from fascism, and predict a victory for the Loyalists.

"Peoples of all lands hear and heed the voice of liberty which cries from the throats of the Spanish people," said the ambassador, after the ovation which greeted his appearance in the Scottish Rite Auditorium had subsided.

In English, Dr. De Los Rios outlined the cause of the struggle. It began, he said, when the ruling classes of Spain decided to oppose the liberal policies of the republican government with force. It was in no sense a religious war, and the ambassador decried the attempts of the capitalist press and propaganda agencies to explain it in religious terms. He quoted a passage from a book written by a Catholic priest, to the effect that in capitalism itself lay the seeds of civil strife.

Describes Workers' Conditions

Formerly a university professor and president, Dr. De Los Rios illustrated the effects of capitalism in Spain with references from history. Before the republican regime in 1931 began the series of reforms which strengthened and advanced the people's movement, wages in most parts of Spain were from 1 to 2 pesetas a day. One hundred and eighty-five days a year were days in which the bulk of the Spanish population were unemployed, reduced to begging for subsistence. Women workers, makers of the famous Mantilla lace, were paid as little as 50c weekly, and worked from ten to eleven hours daily. Children grew up without knowing how to read and write, because either of no school facilities or of the necessity of contributing their mite to the family's existence.

Quickly De Los Rios concluded his greetings in English. Then in his native tongue, he told the workers how the republican government had striven to give relief to the people, how it had increased salaries 100 per cent in the rural districts and 50 per cent in the cities; how by 1935, nearly 110,000 hectares of land had been confiscated and distributed to 12,000 peasants; how 12,000 schools, 2000 circulating libraries, and a circulating museum had been established during his administration as Minister of Education. These reforms injured the landowners and big capitalists, culminated in the counter-revolution of 1933.

Franco Front for Hitler

The present struggle, however, was planned in Rome and Berlin. On this point, the ambassador was emphatic. His government, he declared, had documentary evidence showing negotiations between Franco and Mussolini before the outbreak of the revolt in Morocco. Moreover, it was known that the infamous General Sanjurjo had visited Berlin about the same time. The Spanish people were defending the liberties of all democratic peoples against the world menace of fascism.

Commenting on the role of the "Reds" in the present struggle, De Los Rios said it was the "reds" who saved the pictures in the palace of the Duke of Alba after the bombardment by the rebels; who arrived to late to save from fascist bombs the shrine of Cervantes, and the tomb of Lope de Vega; and who were now defending the lives and treasures of Bilbao and Madrid. The speaker ended with a plea for his audience to understand the issues of the struggle, and not to be misled by reactionary propaganda.

De Los Rios was presented by Professor Rodolph Scheville of the University of California, who read greetings from Edward L. Parsons, the author.

Workers contributed more than \$1500 to the fund.

Over 2000 Hear De Roused at Murder Los Rio in S. F. Of Five, CIO Lines Tighten-up in Steel

CHICAGO—Shock at the murder of five Republic Steel strikers and the wounding of 106 pickets has given way to hard determination to win CIO recognition.

The killings of the Amalgamated Assn. members occurred when police attacked a picket line demonstration of 1500 steel strikers. (The 1500 on strike in the South Side plant are part of the 23,000 steel workers on strike, in independent plants in this area, and of the 100,000 on strike in Republic, Youngstown Sheet and Tube, Inland and other independent companies in Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania.)

Two years ago Republic guards killed two strikers in the Canton, Ohio, mill.

Governor Horner, after the murders here, was forced to recognize the strikers' right to peaceful picketing.

Bribed Solons Quail Under Spotlight

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SACRAMENTO—Progressive Assemblymen announced their complete willingness to answer all questions directed at them in investigation of charges of bribery brought to light following the passage of the Welch oil bill.

District Attorney Otis Babcock of Sacramento, in charge of the inquiry, announcing that he had enough evidence "on an oil bill deal to indict one or more Assemblymen under subpoena and apparently tried to imply that some of the progressive bloc were involved."

Want It Dropped

Gene Flint and Charles Hunt, both of Los Angeles, were anxious to let the whole matter drop. Hunt provoked a fist fight with Babcock, calling him an insulting name.

Assemblymen Patrick J. McMurray, San Francisco; Henry Meehan, Oakland; Ernest Voight and John Pelletier, Los Angeles; Rodney Turner, Delano, and Fred Reeves, San Pedro, said they would be glad to answer all questions.

Another politician under suspicion, Ray Kahl, assistant sergeant-at-arms of the Assembly, refused to talk "on advice of his attorney."

Among those called to give testimony will be Assemblymen Sam Yorty, L. A.; Gordon Garland, Kings County; J. J. Boyle, Los Angeles; C. C. Cottrell, San Jose; John O'Donnell, Woodland, and Sergeant-at-Arms Smith of the Assembly.

Yorty was reported to have heard two Assemblymen discuss the price they were paid for voting in favor of the Welch bill. Cottrell reportedly had clues concerning bribery in connection with a bill to change the course of a highway in the Arroyo Seco between Los Angeles and Pasadena.

Babcock and District Attorney Buron Fitts entered the case after passage in both houses of a resolution calling for investigation by Attorney General U. S. Webb and the District Attorneys of the counties where the laws were supposed to have been violated in the asserted bribery.

CIO Union Asks an Election on Tunnel

LOS ANGELES—To determine what union shall represent workers at San Jacinto, Division 5 of the Metropolitan Water District, Local 270 of the CIO International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union has filed a petition for election with the National Labor Relations Board, it was announced last week.

Of the 1200 men on the job, 88 per cent belong to Local 270.

TROTZKITES BLOWING EDWARD VANDELEUR'S HORN IN LATTER'S SABOTAGE IN AGRICULTURE

Lillian Monroe, Who Was Thrown Out by Bakersfield Workers, Acts as the Advance Agent for Reactionary

BAKERSFIELD—The part the Trotskyites play in the labor movement—a double-dealing part—was shown here when Lillian Monroe, one of the most widely-known of Trotskyite disruptors in the agricultural field, paved the way for Ed Vandeleur's visit here last week by stating that Vandeleur is anxious to explain the state set-up for agricultural organization as proposed by the craft union reactionaries of the state federation.

Suspiciously Close to Vandeleur

It seems that the Trotskyites like Monroe have private access to the innermost thoughts of those in the Vandeleur machine. Vandeleur and the reactionaries on the state federation executive committee have been bitterly attacking the CIO; Trotskyites have in some cases horned into CIO unions and claimed to stand for the CIO policies. Yet Monroe and other Trotskyites openly show that they are close to the worst enemies of the CIO in California.

Agricultural workers in Kern County have little use for Monroe's brand of disruption, as they showed recently when the Kern County Agricultural Workers Union voted not to give her the floor, because of her rotten reputation.

Vandeleur, assisted by Trotskyites, has been going up and down the state fighting the democratic-controlled California Federation of Cannery and Agricultural Workers. Vandeleur, Fred West, Walter Cowan and "Pedro" Petre have been offering a state set-up based on craft lines, taking in only field workers and keeping the cannery, fruit, nut and vegetable packing workers in separate crafts. The Federation of Cannery and Agricultural Workers is based on industrial lines.

FIGHT ON MILK PRICE SPREADS

SAN FRANCISCO—Date and place of the conference called by ILA Women's Auxiliary No. 3 against the increase in milk prices, has been changed to Wednesday, June 9, at 1 p. m., at Grace United Church, 21 Street and Capp.

Prominent Persons OK Conference

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The principal new charter is expected to be to the Progressive Miners of America, with membership principally in Illinois, which left the United Mine Workers of America six years ago. Pres. William Green of the federation, now under charge, in his own organization, the UMW, is expected to join the PMA, possibly as its first president within the AFL.

Vandeleur Hobnobs With the Growers

FRESNO—When state federation of labor secretaries came here to speak on organizing agriculture last week, he ignored the "dirt" farmers and conferred instead with various Farm Bureau groups "to promote a better understanding of the problems of the agricultural workers."

E. Bay Newsboys File Charges

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The strikers continued to sell the WESTERN WORKER in their picketing, particularly around the headquarters of the Union Organizer Larry Root. "We have just completed a conference with the News-Paper Publishers Assn. Because of the fact that our union represents 100 per cent of the newsboys in the East Bay, we asked for recognition of our union."

Fascists Stopped, Declares Bonnet

LOS ANGELES—France has stopped the drive of the fascists to have the industrialized industries making implements of war, it was pointed out here by George Bonnet, new French Ambassador to the United States, now on a goodwill tour.

CIO Union Asks PG&E Election

SAN FRANCISCO—The CIO United Electrical and Radio Workers Union, with 3100 out of 5500 PG&E linemen, construction and other outside workers in its ranks, is about to ask the National Labor Relations Board to conduct an election to establish the union as sole collective bargaining agent of the utility company's employees.

Big Contra Costa Meet for Mooney

RODEO (Contra Costa County)—George T. Davis, Mooney's attorney, and Assemblyman Paul Ritchie of San Diego will address the Free Tom Mooney rally at the fire hall here next Friday, June 4.

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CIO MAPS PLAN TO ORGANIZE MILLIONS MORE

AFL Council Plans Split; Bridges Sees Lewis

WASHINGTON—While on the one hand the AFL executive council completed plans over the weekend for disruption of the organized labor movement, the CIO on the other hand announced new plans whereby millions more unorganized will be brought into the ranks of organized labor.

Councils Ordered to Expel

The New York and the Chicago Central Labor Councils were ordered immediately on adjournment of the Cincinnati craft international conference, to expel all CIO locals.

William Green said such orders would go to all labor councils in the immediate future.

The executive council has decided to permit the craft international unions to come to workers with a false industrial union front, those who sign up to be later split into scores of crafts.

Included in the disruptive plans of the executive council is the attempt to raid plants where the CIO has agreements, even to the point of chartering company unions (this has been already done in the Kansas metal and Richmond) etc.

It is expected that progressive unions will refuse to pay the doubled per capita (2 cents a month per member) ordered in Cincinnati, for the purpose of disruption and not for actual organization of the unorganized.

CIO director John Brophy announced that the CIO will soon carry through plans to penetrate every industry which at present has no organization. The CIO, Brophy stressed, will not move into the building trades or the railroads where the crafts are highly organized.

Brophy is leaving for Portland Ore., to attend the Maritime Federation and the Woodworkers Federation conventions both of which open June 7 and both of which will take up CIO relationship.

Bridges Sees Lewis

Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast president of the International Longshoremen's Association, after a visit with John L. Lewis, bitterly assailed the expulsions of CIO locals and the ousting of locals from labor bodies because the locals are in favor of the IO policies or because, like LA and woodworkers locals, they refuse to surrender members to the Teamsters.

Bridges it is reported, pointed out that such actions may force the West Coast ILA "to join with the CIO."

Bridges announced that he had lodged the support of the West Coast ILA to the National Maritime Union of the East and the CIO.

The CIO has assigned 10 men to aid the American Radio Telegraphists Association now in the IO, in organizing land communications workers, such as in Western Union and Postal Telegraph.

Joint Hearing on F. D. Labor Bill

WASHINGTON—In order to speed up Congressional action on the Black Connery bill embodying the recommendations contained in the President's wage and hour message to Congress, the Senate and House labor committees will hold a joint hearing, Rep. Wm. Connery (D. Mass.), chairman of the House labor committee said.

This action, unusual in congressional procedure, was agreed upon because of the desire to get the bill passed as quickly as possible, it was said, and because it is felt that most of the arguments for and against the bill have been advanced in previous hearings.

Connery said that he was in favor of including specific hour and wage standards in the bill. Other proponents would rather leave the wage and hour standards to be formulated by the five men board created in the measure. The difference of opinion is not regarded as a serious obstacle to passage.

Connery planned to start the joint hearings on May 31 and experts to get through with them in a week. Opponents of the bill will attempt to string the hearings out in the hope of getting the bill caught in the adjourning jam, it is thought.

Robert Jackson, assistant attorney-general, is scheduled as the first witness.

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Unionits, Beaten Up, Sue for 48,500

OAKLAND—Union men have filed suits totaling \$48,500 against Sheriff Driver and 22 deputy sheriffs, and 11 state highway patrolmen, arising out of the brutality against pickets at the California Nursery Co. in Niles on March 13.

Sixteen union men have brought the suits. H. J. Miller asks \$10,000 damages, F. G. Hammond \$3500, and 14 others ask \$2500 each.

They charge they were beaten when they went to Niles to protest firing of union members by the Nursery Co.

LABOR LEAGUE HEAD OPPOSES THE BLIND BILL

Joins Seamens Union In Fighting Anti-Strike Plan

WASHINGTON—Representatives of maritime unions appeared before the House merchant marine committee here protesting the Blind Bill as opposed to the best interests of maritime labor and denying that the Railway Labor Act was applicable to the maritime industry.

Ship owners' representatives testified in favor of the bill, introduced by Rep. Bland (D. Va.) which is designed to extend the jurisdiction of the National Mediation Board to include labor disputes in the maritime industry—a compulsory arbitration, strike-outlawing plan.

Mervyn Rathbone, representing the American Radio Telegraphists' Association, contended that the bill would freeze present conditions in the maritime industry, which, unlike the railroad industry, is not fully organized into unified organizations. He further contended that it denied the unions the right to choose representatives freely and said that it would restrict rather than extend the right of collective bargaining.

Labor's League Opposes It

E. L. Oliver, executive secretary of Labor's Non-Partisan League, also testified against the bill on behalf of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association.

He pointed out that the 1926 version of the Railway Labor Act rather than the amended 1934 version. The 1926 version, he said, was admittedly bad.

Ralph Emerson, representing the Marine Cooks and Stewards, contended that ample machinery already exists for settling disputes in the maritime industry and he listed the National Labor Relations Board, the Maritime Commission and the conciliation service of the Department of Labor as agencies already in the field.

Others who appeared against the bill were James Mullen and Patrick Whalen, Marine Firemen, Oilers and Water-tenders, Joseph Curran, Sailors of the Atlantic and Gulf, and S. M. Blinken, attorney for the National Maritime Union.

DARK GOINGS ON IN STOCKTON

Negotiations There Shrouded in Secrecy

STOCKTON—While cannery operators and so-called union representatives shroud in deep secrecy the wage and hour proposals they are negotiating as a "precedent for all California canneries," six business men and six growers were named as a committee "to solve labor disputes and stop strikes" in the Stockton area.

Purporting to represent the Stockton cannery workers is reactionary Joseph B. McManus, a vice-president of the state federation of labor, and a subcommittee, consisting of persons who seem friendly with the employers, from the newly-chartered San Joaquin County Cannery Workers Union.

The operators' delegation is headed by J. Paul St. Sure, representing the California Growers and Processors, Inc. (Vincent Dunne, newly-installed president of the unions, is a classmate of St. Sure.)

Hayashi Cabinet Resigns Office

TOKYO—Forced out of office by popular opposition as well as by the overwhelming parliamentary opposition, the cabinet of Premier Senjuro Hayashi resigned.

It was expected that an attempt would be made to form a cabinet with partial representation of the Menseito and Seiyukai conservative parties who hold a majority in the cabinet.

Resignation took place following a decision of these two parties to introduce a motion of non-confidence.

HOW THE HILL-SHEPPARD BILL WOULD WORK TOWARD FASCIST CONTROL OF UNIONS, PEOPLE

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Oakland Newsboys' Strike Shows Unionists Like 'Western'

ASK a striking newsboy in Oakland what he thinks of the "Western." A week ago, an "extra" edition was put out on their strike, giving the facts on their struggle, facts which all the capitalist newspapers of San Francisco and Oakland "forgot" to print.

Their union, CIO Local 335, adopted a resolution to thank the "Western" for its assistance. This isn't the only union, CIO or AFL, in California which is enthusiastic about the paper, and how it mirrors and gives guidance to the struggles of labor for better conditions and against reaction. The Western Worker meets a hearty welcome in the ranks of the Upholsterers Union of Los Angeles, Alaska Cannery Workers Union of San Francisco, Tunnel, Subway & Aqueduct Union of Oakland. Waterfront workers have found the "Western" a valued and valuable ally since their 1934 strike.

Communist Party members in the trade unions should, and must, push the current Circulation Drive among their brother and sister unionists. Yet so far, industrial units, with a few exceptions, are lagging in the drive.

It's easy to get subs from progressive union members. How about it, industrial units? And let's hear some good word from the San Francisco Waterfront Section and San Pedro Harbor Section!

Herndon-De Jonge Precedent Must be Applied June 9

VICTIMS of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act appear before the Third District Court of Appeals in Sacramento June 9 with legal precedent and public sentiment alike demanding that they be unconditionally released.

It was popular sentiment, aroused on a nation-wide scale, that brought the release of Dirk de Jonge, imprisoned on a similar statute in Oregon. It was mass pressure that brought the release of Angelo Herndon. The supreme court ruled that the Oregon Criminal Syndicalism statute and the Georgia "insurrection" law were unconstitutional as applied by the lower courts in these cases.

Every precedent calls upon the appellate court to denounce the criminal verdict of April 1, 1935, in which eight labor organizers and working class political leaders were found "guilty" of "conspiracy" to violate a statute that is unconstitutional. Guilty, in the face of their direct acquittal of any criminal acts whatsoever. Guilty, solely because they led in the organization of the exploited agricultural workers of California.

Mass pressure has been the author of the legal precedent in the Herndon and de Jonge cases. See that the appellate court in Sacramento applies this precedent on June 9! Demand the complete outlawry of this vicious statute!

Turn to page 6 of this issue. Clip and mail your demand that all eight of these victims, whether still in jail or on parole, be completely exonerated and the C. S. Act declared unconstitutional.

Spanish People Stand United Under the New Cabinet

EVERY indication points to the fact that the new cabinet in Spain, headed by Juan Negrin, derives its authority not only from the leading political parties and national republics which it represents, but directly from the overwhelming support of the masses of the Spanish people.

The need of the hour of the Spanish people was for a centralized authority which would at once establish the most rigid discipline behind the lines, unify the defense forces of the country under one command and secure the participation of every section of the population loyal to the Republic, and vigorously root out every trace of Franco's influence behind the lines.

This need became more obvious when the laxity of the previous cabinet could allow a handful of Trotsky-fascist disrupters in Barcelona to do Franco's work under the guise of "revolution."

The policy of the new cabinet conforms to the program that has been consistently advocated by the Communist Party of Spain. The fact that the Communist Party has become the largest and most influential political organization in the Republic is only emphasized by the flood of supporting telegrams that reached the cabinet from trade union locals and sectional organizations of both leading trade union federations.

The task now is to win the War. To do this the cabinet proposes a centralized command with one plan and direction for all the Loyalist military forces, a powerful war industry, a rigid internal suppression of en-

emies of the Republic.

Under this program the Spanish people are marching forward to a victory of world democracy against world fascism.

An End to Police Brutality!

POLICE brutality ran rampant in San Pedro last Thursday, and an ILA member, William Gregg, was shot dead on the flimsiest of excuses, by a San Pedro police officer named Reddings.

A week before, police and deputy sheriffs in Alameda County displayed their animal-like ferocity toward members of organized labor, and nearly killed a member of the Cannery Workers Union, a California Conserving striker named Faustino Ortiz.

The San Pedro ILA membership was so thoroughly angered at the unprovoked murder of Gregg that a 4-hour protest strike resulted.

In the East Bay organized labor has organized an Ortiz Defense Committee, whose purpose goes beyond the Ortiz case, in labor's determination to end, once and for all, police brutality against members of trade unions, particularly in strikes.

With police and company thugs invariably whitewashed by the authorities, it has become only too evident that such concerted action against police brutality as undertaken in the East Bay Area is essential in all parts of the state.

The conference of the East Bay committee on June 13 deserves the support of all unions in that area, if trammeling of the unions' rights is to be halted.

The course of action by the East Bay unions in the fight to end police brutality is one which can well be followed throughout the state.

The outstanding lesson of the Gregg murder and of the Ortiz case is that organized labor's own men in political office would protect, and not brutally attack, members of organized labor. Such would be the situation with Farmer-Labor Party representatives in office.

Rossi Must Go!

EACH day's news of the graft revelations in San Francisco involve Mayor Angelo Rossi and those close to him all the more deeply.

Every figure spewed forth in the whole revolting spectacle turns out to be a crony of Rossi's, a beneficiary of the Mayor's friendship. Touching indeed, is the Mayor's charitableness to the McDonoughs and the Shumates, but at what a cost to the people of San Francisco, robbed repeatedly right and left!

That Rossi is manipulated by higher-ups, bankers and behind-the-scenes political bosses like Tom Finn, is beyond question. But Rossi, the city's chief executive, is an integral part of the corrupt machine which has organized the network of San Francisco graft. His responsibility to the electorate has meant nothing to him.

Insulting to the people of San Francisco as the Mayor's apologetics for the grafters may be, Rossi further insults the people of the city with a ringing defense of Nazi and Italian fascism, which have taken away every last semblance of freedom and have ruthlessly crushed the trade unions. Indeed, Rossi has on more than one occasion indicated that the crushing of the trade unions in this country would far from meet his disapproval.

The San Francisco trade union movement showed its power a few months ago in bringing on the repeal of the anti-picket ordinance. It can once again come to the front on behalf of the people of San Francisco, by assuming a leading position in a determined campaign to rid the city of Rossi and his coterie of grafting office holders.

Together with all progressive organizations of the people, the unions must become the force which will move Rossi out of office, clean up corruption for good and all, and organize tickets of labor and other progressive candidates to truly represent the people of San Francisco.

The State Chamber Proposes Incorporation of the Unions

IT WOULD be astounding news if the State Chamber of Commerce were really to come out with a program of actual benefit and fairness to organized labor.

No cause for such astonishment is to be gotten from the program announced with such great fanfare by the Chamber's labor relations committee, even though Edward Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, finds reason to be "optimistic and gratified" at the program.

Covered over by a thick growth of generalized phrases about payment of prevailing wages (by which the Chamber quite definitely does not mean union wage scales), about "prompt consideration and review of grievances" and so on, the Chamber's program ends up with the demand that "appropriate steps be taken through legislation or other proper ways to bring about responsibility on the part of labor organizations corresponding with that imposed upon employers."

In other words—incorporation and government supervision of the trade unions, a proposal with which any fascist-minded person can heartily concur.

The words of John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Central Labor Council, describe the Chamber's program far better than those of Vandeleur. Said Shelley: "If the State Chamber is sincere, then we'd like to see it formulate a program aimed at recognition of labor's right to organize."

Such a guarantee is nowhere to be found in the Chamber's program. Instead the Chamber has launched a poorly-disguised program of company unionism with a definite fascist trend.

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The Communists in the French People's Front

(In this speech, excerpts of which are printed, Comrade Thorez deals with the part the Communists play in the People's Front against fascism, for democracy, for a decent standard of living for the masses of people.)

By MAURICE THOREZ
General Secretary, Communist Party of France
(Speech before a Party mass meeting in Paris)

We, Communists, the flesh of the flesh of the working class, the flesh of the French people, fight for a better world, which will no longer know the exploitation of man by man, the subservience of the overwhelming majority of producers to a handful of parasites.

But our noble dreams of social justice and the brotherhood of man do not make us utopian. We work with just as much ardor for the immediate, the present betterment of the lot of the exploited, unhappy and disinherited. Brennot, president of the Electrical Industries Union, says: "I regret to say that the C. P. is always the first to take the initiative in all matters of social progress."

Closer Unity of People

He speaks at length about the attacks of reaction and fascism in both the economic and political fields, counterposing it by a statement relating to the constantly growing alliance between manual and intellectual labor; the closer unity between all sections of the republic—Communists, Socialists, Radicals, Democrats and all honest men and women.

That is how our united front can successfully withstand and oppose all of the furious attacks of the social parasites, the financiers and their servants, the politicians. They are constantly attempting to create a break in the government, constantly attempting to create ministerial crises, constantly conspiring for financial panic and the embarrassment of the government.

As long as the government will continue with the realization of the united front program and platform, the C. P. will continue to support all of its honest endeavors in the direction. Nobody can dispute the fact that the united front brought about a great deal of improvement in the working and living conditions of our working class.

Higher Wages

Workers received higher wages, the 40-hour week, the benefits of many social security laws, vacation with pay, collective bargaining, shop committees and delegates, etc.

Petty officials and veterans—the abrogation of the Doumergue-Laval decrees, which had cut their wages, pensions and other benefits.

Small merchants and artisans—Their volume of business was greatly improved by the greater purchasing power of the workers. They were given a debt moratorium and protection against seizure and foreclosure, their taxes were constantly lowered, greater credit facilities provided, etc.

Farmers (peasants)—The united front supported government by the revalorization of agricultural products, had done more for the peasants than any other French government. The grain office enabled our peasants to sell their grain at the fixed price of 140 francs per quintal, whereas the previous year the grain was sold at 70 to 60 and for some months at 55 francs per quintal. The prices of wine and many other products are considerably higher.

But reaction and the fascists are anxious to break down the united front, not only because of what it has already given, but for fear of what it is going to give the working masses.

The financial oligarchy and the magnates of industry are doing all in their power to prevent any progressive social legislation for the employed, unemployed and the broad masses of the French population.

(Thorez then enumerates the measures of social benefit and tells how strenuously they are

being opposed by the privileged classes. He gives details of the struggle for old age pensions, infant protection, etc.

The struggle is particularly bitter around legislation for the 40-hour week. The privileged classes and their political representatives claimed that all these social measures "will mire the country, will retard the return of prosperity, will create serious financial difficulties for the government."

Unemployed Decrease

The number of unemployed is diminishing. This week alone it is 5,017 less. On February 20, 1937, we had 415,000 unemployed, as against 489,000 in the similar period of last year. The reduction of unemployment is still unsatisfactory but quite encouraging in its constancy. On January 1, 1936, 38 per cent of the workers were partially unemployed. This year, on January 1, 1937, only 4.92 per cent are partially unemployed. Magnificent progress—ten times less unemployment!

In the industries where the 40-hour week has not as yet been introduced, there is still a 20 per cent partial unemployment (compared with January, 1936).

Wages and Profits

Here we come to the very essential question of prices. The magnates and parasites claim that higher wages spell higher prices. Their aim is evidently to prevent the reestablishment of the purchasing power of the working class, which naturally has a tendency to diminish with the rise of the cost of living. Given the same number of francs the industrial wage earner, the petty official, etc., will be forced to buy a lesser quantity of products for himself and his family. It is a lowering of real wages.

On the other hand the industrial and financial magnates are attempting to create discord between the peasants and the working class, by putting the blame for higher prices upon the workers.

To support their reasons against higher wages and further social legislation the capitalists and their economists develop the following thesis:

"The price of products is in direct proportion to the wages paid to the workers." The capitalists maintain that the value added by labor to the raw material, the object of labor, is the sum total of three independent values:

1. The wage, or remuneration of labor.
2. The profit, or remuneration of capital.
3. The interest, or remuneration of landowner. (rent)

Naturally, some part of these independent values, the profit and interest (rent) does figure as a certain percentage of the sum total of wages.

This thesis is founded on a pretended cooperation between capital, labor, and nature as the three sources of revenue.

But what really does determine the price of a product, or its exact value?

It is the amount of social labor necessary for its production. The wage earner sells his labor power as a simple commodity, but he has the faculty of producing a value much greater than the value of his labor-power, or his wage.

The difference between the value produced and the value of his labor power, the difference between the actual labor expended and the paid labor constitutes surplus value, or the capitalists' profit.

As a result of the workers' pressure, the proportion between the wage and the profit may vary without modifying the value of the article produced. In other words, the workers' part in the product of his labor may become greater at the expense

of the capitalists' profit, without any repercussion (or effect) upon the price of the article.

But even if we should accept the thesis of our adversaries, even then the rise in price is by no means the result of rising wages.

As a result of official research,

conducted in 1931, before the brutal drop in wages, the wage proportion to the value of a product was officially established as an average of 17 per cent.

(Thorez then cites figures on fifteen leading products by which this figure is established.)

Since then the wage proportion grew 4.4 per cent, making the present average proportion of wages still less than 22 per cent.

The same method permits fixing the average proportion of wages at 25 per cent in the U.S.A.

Even if we admit the reasoning of the bosses, the increase of about 20 per cent in wages should be reflected in a 4.4 increase in prices. If we take in consideration a similar advance in the cost of raw materials, which also contain a portion of the augmented wages, allowing even for other increases, we still cannot see any increase over 15 per cent in the prices of the manufactured products. But we are already faced with a 20 to 30 per cent advance in the wholesale prices and a much more dangerous rise of retail prices.

The trusts are responsible for the higher cost of living.

What are the real reasons for this advance of prices?

First of all, the trusts and the cartels exercise a monopoly over the division of raw materials and the manufacture of fabricated products. Lenin recognizes and proves the existence of this phenomenon in his extensive study, "Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism."

The monopolies, which suppress free competition, impose their own prices upon products, without regard for the workers' wages, against the interests of the consumer or even the smaller manufacturer. In fact, they make outrageous super-profits.

Program of Reforms

The Party proposes the following fiscal reforms:

1. Special tax on great fortunes, which is to provide for the revenue of 7 billion francs.
2. A series of democratization measures (as outlined in a special pamphlet on the subject by Jacques Duclos.)

Generally, these propositions are only an outline. We are ready to accept advice, criticism and suggestions.

Largely speaking, the economic content of our proposed legislation is to democratize the tax burden by imposing a greater proportion of taxes directly upon incomes, which would thus make the rich pay taxes, rather than the indirect taxes, which are a burden upon the masses of the workers, consumers and peasants.

These measures, plus a surtax upon profits of corporations and all incomes of more than 100,000 francs would bring the state an annual revenue of more than 10 billion francs, ample for all of its present requirements.

(Thorez speaks at length about the immediate necessity of controlling the trusts, again quoting the example of the U. S. where the Federal Trade Commission found evidence of "a combination with the purpose of fixing prices.")

He further quotes the U. S. secretary of agriculture: "Ten of the most important packing plants have conspired since 1927 to manipulate and control their prices arbitrarily to create a monopoly in fact . . . and to eliminate all competition in this industry . . ."

The party proposes the immediate nationalization of all monopoly industries, as well as of the insurance companies. We must not, however, con-

Rossi Must Answer To People for Graft! Meeting Sat., June 5

(Statement by San Francisco County Committee, Communist Party)

Angelo Rossi, Mayor of San Francisco, has been requested to account to the people of the city for the graft conditions which flourished under his administration! Chief of Police Quinn and Police Commissioner Roche, in charge of the Police Department which has served as a graft-collection apparatus, have been invited to testify at a public hearing of citizens in the Civic Center on June 5th! Five Supervisors seeking votes for re-election this November—Uhl, McSheehy, Schmidt, Ratto and Reilly—are asked to explain why the municipal government has consistently closed its eyes to ever-growing dishonesty and bribe-taking.

How has graft been allowed to grow and strangle the life of the community? Why have public officials, working daily with all public departments, failed to root out the cancer of corruption? What is the reason for the vicious alliance between prominent office-holders and the infamous Pete McDonough?

The people of San Francisco have a right to know! The people expect Mayor Rossi and other public officials to appear and answer these questions—if they have nothing to hide!

SPRING CLEANING IN SAN FRANCISCO!

Every good housewife knows that when the dust gathers in the carpets, and the curtains grow soiled and wilted, it is time to get out the brooms and mops for a thorough-going house cleaning. Today, the filth and slime of corruption have penetrated every nook and cranny in the City Hall! And the citizens of the community face the challenge of rolling up their sleeves and sweeping out the accumulated dirt of years of shady government.

The Atherton investigation has only scratched the surface of that corruption which eats away at our city administration and municipal departments like dry-rot! Judges, a District Attorney, Grand Jurors, city officials right in the Mayor's office have been tainted by the exposures. The great body of citizens is left wondering whether there is even one in the present administration who has not had a share of the spoils.

"Whose hands are clean?" The people demand to know! The facts are obvious, and speak plainly: the roots of bribery could not have spread without the knowledge at least of Mayor Rossi. But Mayor Rossi hasn't acted in all the years he has been in office! Why? Because Rossi himself is the center of the whole festering mess! In fairness to the citizens whose trust has been betrayed, Rossi must go!

LABOR CAN WIELD THE BROOM!

Sunlight and fresh air must be let into the City Hall! The cobwebs of corruption must be swept away! A political house-cleaning is the order of the day—and organized labor can wield the broom.

Labor and progressive forces must unite to support a labor slate with a people's platform in the municipal elections this year! Such a slate, representing the interests of the overwhelming majority of decent-minded citizens, can sweep out of office the entire graft-smear City Hall gang!

Since the time the first Atherton exposures appeared, the Communist Party has warned the people that the whole crowd controlling politics was involved. Now the investigation drags on, with the guilty officials working desperately to cover up. The Communist Party will unite with all progressive forces to carry on a real clean-up of the City Hall, and force the grafters out! The Communist Party will support a labor ticket in November as the best possible weapon against graft in high places.

CITIZENS' INDIGNATION MEETING JUNE 5

Every honest man and woman in the city is summoned to appear at an Indignation Meeting of citizens on Saturday, June 5, at 1:30 p. m., at the Civic Center! The people will present their case, bluntly and plainly, and Rossi will hear the sentiments of the majority. Some of the damning evidence against the administration, including the McDonough telephone calls, will be dramatically re-enacted to refresh the memory of the Mayor!

Mayor Rossi will be called on to explain why he does not take that action which all decent-minded people expect—resign from office before he is ousted!

found nationalization and social-

ization.

Naturally we expect this measure to find support throughout all sections and groups of the united front . . .

I believe we can all agree on the following principle: "Respect for individual possessions, personal property, the tools and equipment of the peasant, the artisan, the small tradesman. But not for the property of the great landowners, large financial enterprises and the monopoly industries, which could so easily be nationalized without any damage."

On the contrary it would be of direct profit to the peasants, the workers and the broad masses.

We Communists—never cease to be on guard for the interests of the so-called "lower classes." We will never cease to fight for the benefit of the peasants and the artisans, an essential element of our national economy . . .

(Thorez calls for greater energy and unity in "the united front for bread, liberty and peace," for greater cohesion and solidarity within the ranks of the trade unions and for combined struggle against the Trotskyists. Dealing with the maneuvers of reaction to break up the united front, he continues:)

The aim is . . . to separate the Communist Party from its allies, the Socialists and the Radicals. It would be imprudent to try to organize any efforts against the united front in its present form. The reactionary press tries to tell lies about us—down to the

following absurdity:

"Within a few months, a few weeks, we will see the achievement of the Sovietization of France . . ."

On June 10, 1936, according to the reactionary press, there was to have been a Communist "putsch."

Many are the other daily absurdities spread about us—the truth is that the C. P. never ceased being true to the united front. Our policy can easily be formulated by the slogan: Everything for the United Front. Everything by the United Front. (Thorez then outlines the program of the united front, and goes on to deal with the growth of the Communist Party.)

A month ago, at the national conference, we announced to you a membership of 270,000. Now Comrade Gitton tells us it is 293,374. (Later passed 300,000—Ed.) The Paris Central Section has a membership of over 30,000. The Paris Western section also has a membership of about 30,000. The Renault (auto plant) has a membership of about 6300. The General Confederation of Workers has a membership of over 5 millions. Our influence in it is quite important.

TOBACCO UNION RECOGNIZED

DURHAM, N. C.—Liggett & Myers has recognized the Tobacco Workers Intl. Union as bargaining agency for workers eligible for union membership at its local and Richmond, Va. plants. The contract does not call for closed shop or union label.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY,

121 Haight Street,
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Los Angeles.

(Mark "X") I want to join
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THE COMMUNIST PARTY

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ORGANIZING TWIN CITIES' GOLD
MINERS—RIVERSIDE CEMENT CO.
WORKS HAND-IN-GLOVE WITH AFL.

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

MERCED WORKER SAYS DOWD, AFL
HEAD AT FRESNO, IS DISRUPTIVE—
P. G. & E. FIRES TWENTY UNIONISTS.

Fresno Workers Wonder If Secretary Dowd Will Organize

RIVERSIDE CEMENT CO. SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH AFL LOCAL, FORMED FROM OLD CO. UNION

*Attempts to Undermine Strong Sentiment
For CIO; Co. Must Still Face Labor
Board on Charges of CIO Union*

By a Worker Correspondent
RIVERSIDE—In a desperate attempt to undermine the strong CIO sentiment at their Crestmore plant, the Riverside Cement Co. has signed a closed shop agreement for one year with the AFL union which was formed after CIO workers struck for recognition of their union during the last week of April.

ARTESIA DAIRY UNION GETTING INTO POLITICS

*Elects Legislative
Committee, and
Has Program*

By a Dairy Worker
ARTESIA, L. A. County — As a result of a talk of one of our workers and motion following, we, the Dairy Workers Union (Hynes Local, CIO) have elected a legislative committee of three.

This worker told our meeting that President Roosevelt was O.K.; Senator McAdoo not any too friendly to organized labor; Congressman Byron N. Scott 100 per cent O.K., and Assemblyman Glick was having an education in liberalism and progressivism. He has voted right, so far.

The job of this committee will be to be on their toes regarding legislative matters of union labor affairs.

We want Tom Mooney free and back in our militant ranks.

We want all criminal syndicalism laws abolished.

We want sit-down strikes accepted as a legal weapon for better living standards of the workers.

We want all anti-picketing ordinances abolished.

We don't want another Governor (as Meriam) he calls out State Militia against union labor. The stains of blood are yet too fresh on the streets of San Francisco.

We don't want County Supervisors or sheriffs who maintain or try to maintain a so-called "Bum Blockade."

We want the U.S.A. to be the land of the free.

As you see, we are on the march.

Sub Drive Leaping Forward in L. A.

LOS ANGELES — Showing great increase in tempo, the Western Worker Sub Drive is going forward here in leaps and bounds, with approximately 36 per cent of the county quota of 1000 subs filled by May 22.

Leading is Orange County Section with 42.2 per cent of its quota. Eastside and Hollywood are running close with 39.3 per cent and 38.6 per cent. Good year, which challenged Hollywood at start of the Drive, has 37 per cent.

Press Builders Score

Two Press Builders came through with flying colors, reaching the 15 yearly subs mark. L. Shrier turned in his 16th sub and Lou Saperstein got credit for his 15th. Both accepted County Organizer Paul Cline's challenge earlier in the Drive. Cline has obtained nine subs.

Strong spirit of socialist competition is being shown with sections determined to win their challenges. The whole county is bent on beating San Francisco and expects to go over its quota.

"Though it had only nine subs, the Professional Section organizer thought it would be 'easy.' In two weeks," he said, "we'll have our quota!"

"Red Sunday" June 6

To spur the drive on with a bang, a county-wide "Red Sunday" will be held June 6, announced George Shaffer, county drive chairman, who declared: "We should get at least 350 subs that day."

Plans indicate every Party member—from the county leadership on down—will go out for a minimum of two hours with four or five names of prospective subscribers. Many names will be those of former subscribers. "We ought to make our quota and more on that afternoon," declared Paul Cline.

Dowd Disruptive At Merced Meet

*Worker Says Fresno AFL "Leader" Little
Help to Workers Seeking Unionism*

By a Worker Correspondent
MERCED—I have often wondered why, in its 50-odd years of existence, the American Federation of Labor has never had a membership of more than four or five million. At an open meeting on May 20 in Merced, with Mr. Dowd of Fresno and the State Federation of Labor as the speaker, I found out. And if Mr. Dowd's disruptive and splitting tactics can be taken as a general census of all AFL officers, the wonder is that as much has been accomplished as has.

Venomous Against CIO

In nearly one hour he made himself clear on only two points—first, his opinion of the CIO in general and Mr. Lewis in particular. In a 10-minute tirade, he criticized the CIO from its highest officers to its lowliest member, its principles, objectives and methods, with Mr. Lewis receiving a large share of his unnecessary and unjust criticism.

Next came his stand on Communism and all things Communist, in particular. Caroline Decker for her activity in organizing the agricultural workers of Tulare and calling a strike at a time when cotton was due to be worked.

Near Bursting Point

After working himself up to a pitch dangerously near the bursting point in explaining his opinion of all things radical in a loud and throbbing voice, he set back to his normal attitude of things in general—which in my opinion must be slightly muddled if one is to take his word that he is sincere in his efforts and at the same time so bitterly opposed to any whose methods differ from his.

The rest of his speech was rather vague, and as for being of benefit to those of us who are anxious to organize, about the same result can be had by letting the air quickly from an inflated balloon.

Steps for Labor Council

It seems to me that about all his talk accomplished was confusion. However, a meeting was called after the speech to take steps for organizing a Labor Council for Merced. I don't know what steps were taken, but I hope something comes of it after all. I believe that organizing is the important thing, no matter who does it; after that we will have to learn how to get the best results.

After the speech, questions were in order, and if anyone had been well versed in the labor movement, some very embarrassing questions could have been asked of Mr. Dowd as he left himself open to many—too bad the opportunity had to be missed.

Organizing California's Gold Miners

Story of Twin Cities Miners' Union in Nevada County

By a Gold Miner

NEVADA CITY, Nevada County—As a worker correspondent, I wish to submit the following general account of developments in Nevada County covering the labor situation. The coming of the Labor Relations Board into the Grass Valley-Nevada City gold mining district, calls for a review of recent conditions leading up to these hearings.

The change in the gold price from \$20.67 to \$35 an ounce under the first term of President Roosevelt, is well known. As a result, few industries have been operating so profitably as gold mining. This is true of the large operators, in particular, as they have the best properties and dominate in this area.

But what has this gained the workers? The ones who have been speed-up, double, over their production of five years ago!

At best, they have received about \$1 increase in pay, or roughly a 20 per cent increase. Contrasted to the bosses' gains, we find that he had a 75 per cent increase handed to him by the government, plus another 50 per cent, due to speed-up of the workers and technical improvements in mining and milling the ores.

Miners Sought Organization

A deep-seated discontent began to show itself amongst the miners last fall. They were getting fed-up on promises of benefits to come. About Christmas time, the big operators made a gesture. Bonus payments based on 1937 profits were announced; vacations with pay, that at best applied to the few of long service, on account of the heavy turnover of workers, in turn caused by low pay and rotten conditions.

A thoroughly discredited company-dominated organization, the Grass Valley Miners Protective League, was used to hold the miners in check. More about this organization later.

Boss Outfits Plan To Red-bait CIO

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—"Pro-America," successor of the American League Against Communism, is contributing a red-baiting pamphlet to members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Assn.: "Join the CIO and Help build a Soviet America." I was not able to get away with a copy. It is assertedly published by the Constitutional Educational League.

"Pro-America" is very reticent about this work of art and is evidently planning to pull something with this.

(This pamphlet is being used by the Ford Co. Richmond plant, in its efforts to build a company union.—Workers' Correspondence Editor.)

Send in news of your union.

They Move Toward National Unity

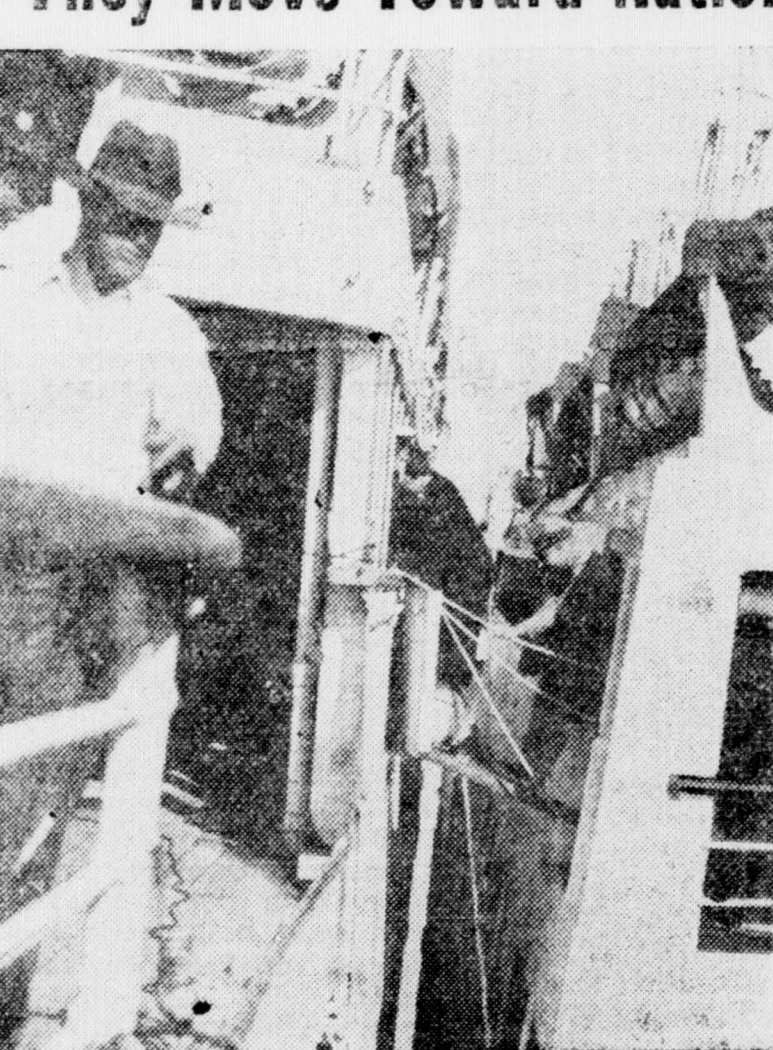


PHOTO shows East Coast seamen as they join a strike for recognition of the rank and file leadership. The East and Gulf Coast seamen have formed the National Maritime Union, which, after certification as collective bargaining agent, will work toward a national rank and file unity convention. On West Coast, I.L.A. Marine Cooks, Marine Stewards and Ferryboatmen have endorsed East Coast seamen's action.

20 MEN FIRED BY PG&E FOR JOINING UNION

*United Electrical and
Radio Workers in
Fight for Men*

By a PG&E Worker
EVERYVILLE, Alameda County—Several weeks ago, the United Electrical & Radio Workers of America organized about 50 Pacific Gas & Electric Co. workers here. Twenty of these were hired as "temporary" labor, none employed over four months. They were repeatedly told (before they entered the union) the work would last well through August.

Fight for Reinstatement
The men were their union buttons at work. On Friday the 20 "temporary" workers were paid off; the explanation given was that there was "no more work."

At a regular meeting of Local 1402, U.E.R.W., that night, a resolution was passed putting the case before the Labor Relations Board. A second resolution states that unless the Labor Relations Board reinstated the men, a strike would be taken.

ANOTHER CIO VICTORY

ST. LOUIS—Emerson Electric Co., which said it would "never" recognize a union, was forced to about-face here and grant recognition of United Electrical & Radio Workers of America, Local 1102, and wage increases.

SAN JOAQUIN WINERY UNION GROWS FAST!

By a Worker Correspondent
FRESNO—More than 200 winery workers have joined the newly organized Winery Workers Union here. So eager for organization are these young workers that they come from as far north as Manteca and as far as Tulare, and they are proud of the fact that the organizing drive has included 15 wineries throughout the San Joaquin Valley. The union meets every Monday evening at the Fresno Labor Temple.

ALASKA UNION PUTS STOP TO BOOTLEGGING

*Member Returned to
S. F. for Selling
Whiskey*

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO—A member of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union was sent back to San Francisco by the union delegate at Chignik, Alaska, because he was caught with two cases of whiskey which he was intending to sell to the workers there at exorbitant prices.

Racketeering such as bootlegging, gambling, etc., will not be tolerated by the ACWU while in Alaska. This above case was the first this year; and all cases of this nature will be dealt with in the same manner.

Donates to I.L.D.

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—Alaska Cannery Workers Union voted unanimously at a recent membership meeting to donate \$100 to the International Labor Defense to help it carry on the fight defending political and working-class prisoners.

Consumers Co-op In Santa Monica Reports Growth

By a Worker Correspondent
SANTA MONICA—Healthy growth of the cooperative movement here was evidenced at the dinner given by Consumer's Co-operative Society on May 17. More than 100 people listened to a report on activities of the society since its organization by 10 people less than a year ago. The membership has now reached 80 while variety of commodities handled has increased from soap and eggs to a considerable range of staple groceries.

10000 WORKERS IN FRESNO COUNTY'S FIELDS, PACKING HOUSES EAGER FOR UNIONS

*In Past, Dowd Has Wrecked Packing House
And Agriculture Unions; Worker
Hopes He Has Changed*

By a Worker Correspondent
FRESNO—Nearly two years ago the Western Worker carried a story about how the red-baiting secretary of the Fresno Central Labor Council, Clarence E. Dowd, was preventing the organization of the agricultural workers in San Joaquin Valley.

Today Fresno is the only important agricultural center in California without an AFL charter for agricultural workers. Today only a handful of workers remain in the AFL Fresno Packing House Employees Union, a union that was more than 1700 strong until Dowd removed its progressive leaders.

10,000 Want Unionism
Now the packing house workers are joining an independent union by the hundreds and prefer to stay outside the AFL as long as this bureaucrat dominates the local labor movement.

There are 5000 packing house workers in Fresno County that can be organized. There are 5000 agricultural workers in Fresno County that are waiting for organization. There are no less than 500 warehousemen that are wondering why Fresno labor "leaders" have overlooked them.

More than 200 winery workers in San Joaquin Valley are so eager for organization that many of them come for more than 50 miles every Monday night to their union meetings, and they want to see negotiations start. They want action NOW.

Dowd on the Spot
Clarence Dowd meets with them. Will he give them the kind of leadership that they are so eager for, or will he destroy their union as he has destroyed the unions of packing house workers and agricultural workers?

More recently Dowd spoke at a mass meeting for the freedom of Tom Mooney, so we hope that he has discovered that red-baiting in the labor movement are becoming very unpopular.

We sincerely hope he will no longer stand in the way of progress; but if he does stand in the way, he must be exposed and branded as an enemy of labor, along with Edward Vandenberg and other traitors.

Ten thousand workers in Fresno County CAN and MUST be organized! Make Fresno a 100 per cent union town!
(Another article about Fresno labor will appear on this page soon.)

Seek Democracy in SF Candy Union

SAN FRANCISCO—The Candy and Confectionery Union, operating under the charter of Bakers and Confectionery Workers Local 24, will soon unfold its wings and fly out to join the progressive unions of the Bay Area.

Attendance and interest has been lax, but these faults can be overcome—the policy of the Bakers' officials of putting a crimp on rank-and-file initiative has killed the enthusiasm and pep that prevailed a few months ago.

The candy workers, however, have all the potentialities necessary to build a union that will be strong, democratic and progressive.

To Organize 100 Per Cent
While the move for independence has been stalled temporarily, the sentiment for such a stronger and a charter for the candy workers will likely be installed in the near future.

When a separate office is created, a business agent put in the field to organize the candy workers 100 per cent in San Francisco, then good agreements will be possible to force through.

The membership should be doubled in 60 days and satisfactory contracts signed is all shops before the busy season is a week old.

These things can be accomplished but not until the candy workers set up a separate office. On to the charter!

Worker Passes On Good Slogan

By a Worker Correspondent
BAKERSFIELD—The other day I heard a slogan that struck me as being so excellent that I thought it should be passed on to you. Read it and see if it can't be put to work in a way that it will do the most good. This is it:
"REMEMBER THE BANANA—When it leaves the bunch, it gets skinned."
Isn't that a pip?

PACIFIC CLAY PRODUCTS CO. IS ORGANIZED

*Large Vote for CIO
Union in Labor
Board Poll*

By a Clay Worker
LOS ANGELES—The employees of Pacific Products, who are members of the Southern California Clay Workers Union, Local 291, the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO, made two demands on the company.

The first demand was that the union be the sole collective bargaining agent for the employees of the company. The second demand was that of a closed shop. The company replied that the second demand would not be granted, that the first demand would be granted after an election was held to determine the employees' desire.

On May 18, the Federal Labor Relations Board conducted an election at Plant 4 and on May 19 at Plant 6. The results of the election were as follows: Plant 4, 214 voted, 156 yes, 50 no, 2 void. Six votes were protested but were counted in the final totals. These six votes: 4 no and 2 yes. The protested votes were those cast by the five foremen and the factory general superintendent.

There is no doubt but these foremen's right to vote was challenged on the basis of finding out how the five foremen voted. The factory general superintendent told how he smeared his ballot for identification. Then by elimination, it was determined how the foremen voted.

There could be no doubt as to how the son-in-law of the factory general superintendent would vote. Also as to how the yard foreman and the glaze foreman would vote, there was no doubt as they had continually talked against the union and stole against the union.

This left the foreman of the "brick department" and of the "casting department," who were known to have favored the union. Since the election, a man has been sent into the brick department to learn the trade! Can you guess for what purpose?

The brick department foreman has been roundly criticized for his stand by the factory general superintendent. So much so, that the brick department foreman asked to have his time made out. This dare was not accepted as this foreman is very popular, and a strike action could easily result from such an action.

In Plant 6, 121 voted, 103 yes and 18 no.

Co. Intimidation

At both plants during the balloting, the factory general superintendent stood by the ballot box and glowered at each employee as he received his ballot. We wonder if this is a method of intimidation?

Before the election, the factory general superintendent went about to those workers whom he thought he could influence in their balloting. Especially did he talk to the Mexican workers in this manner: "Vote yes, that means a long rest; vote no, that means no rest." A gentle threat of a factory close-down.

Indian Firm Union Man

To an American Indian whom he thought he could brow-beat, he said: "Go ahead and vote yes—you will be out of a job or going somewhere to pick beets." The Indian tells your reporter that he has never picked beets and does not intend to, but intends to continue the drive for organization of his plant as well as all the other unorganized workers.

SLOW STARVATION

HOUSTON, Tex.—Four thousand citizens here are living in a state of slow starvation. An Episcopal Bishop found a family of five living on a food allowance of 43 cents a day, in the richest city in Texas.

DEFENSE PREPARES FOR SCOTTSBORO BOYS' TRIAL, SET FOR EARLY IN JUNE

NEWSPAPERS' 'SETTLEMENT' STORY DENIED

State Made Move to Settle, Defense Discloses

NEW YORK—The Scottsboro Defense Committee "reaffirms its belief in the complete innocence of the defendants, and its attorneys will be on hand when the trial is called in July to fight for the liberty of these boys who have been in prison more than six years."

This answer was given by Allan Knight Chalmers, chairman of the committee, to a copyrighted report to the United Press.

"Negotiations have been under way for a settlement, said Dr. Chalmers, but not on the basis reported by the United Press."

"The story reported in the New York papers is that all nine defendants are to plead guilty to assault on the two women and in return are to receive prison sentences of 'less than five years.'" Dr. Chalmers said.

"On the other hand, a story printed May 22 in the Birmingham Post states that the settlement upon which both sides are trying to agree includes a plea of guilty of felonious assault, but not criminal assault, with short prison terms retroactive to 1931."

"The movement for a settlement has been carried on by representatives of the state and attorneys for the defense. The public may rest assured that every sincere effort is being made by all parties concerned to bring this unfortunate case to as satisfactory a close as possible when all the developments of the past six years are taken into account."

State Asked Settlement

"The first move for a settlement was made last December by representatives of the state to the lawyers representing the defendants. The defense lawyers and the national defense committee accepted these overtures in good faith and negotiations have proceeded since that time in an effort to reach an agreement."

"However, the committee has been notified this afternoon by long-distance telephone from Alabama that Judge William Washington Callahan has issued a statement saying that he will not countenance a settlement of this case and that he has set the case down for trial in July. This committee reaffirms its belief in the complete innocence of the defendants, and its attorneys will be on hand when the trial is called in July to fight for the liberty of these boys who have been in prison more than six years."

Bill Liberalizes State Old-Age Pension System

SACRAMENTO—The California state senate passed the Hornblower assembly bill liberalizing the state's old age pension system, but inserted clauses tending to discriminate against foreign born more emphatically than did the Hornblower measure.

Although the Hornblower bill was pushed to offset the possibility of passing the more progressive Pelletier proposals, it nevertheless removes the taxpayer's oath as a requirement for pensioners; it allows them to earn \$15 a month without deduction; it provides that increased payments of the federal government may be added to the pension; it provides that a maximum of \$40; provides that use and occupancy of a house not be regarded as deductible income; and requires county boards of supervisors to act more quickly on pension applications.

The age limit of 65 and payment of \$35 a month remains the same.

Already discriminatory against non-citizens, regardless of the length of their residence in the state, the senate further required that detailed proof of citizenship must be submitted. As passed by the assembly, a voter's registration would be accepted as proof.

Oral Quiz Stays In Civil Service

SACRAMENTO—Objections of several assemblymen were overridden by the passage, unamended, of the routine Senate Bill on civil service. Removal of the provisions for oral examinations was called for by Assemblyman Patrick J. Murray of San Francisco who said: "I know scores of people who have passed high in the written examinations and then have failed after an oral three-minute interview."

Release Them!

Clerk, 3rd Dist. Court of Appeals, Sacramento, California.

Dear Sir:

Eight young men and women union organizers were convicted April 1, 1935, at Sacramento under the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act. Four of them are still in prison.

They are imprisoned for their activities in behalf of labor and were specifically acquitted of using or advocating force or violence.

I call for the immediate, unconditional freedom of all—Nora Conklin, Pat Chambers, Jack Crane and Martin Wilson, now in prison; Lorine Norman, released pending appeal; Caroline Decker, Al Hougardy and Norman Mini, now on parole.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

The Third District Court of Appeals will hear the appeal of the Sacramento C. S. victims on June 9. Clip and mail this NOW.

Legal Authorities Urge Release for Cal. C. S. Victims

SAN FRANCISCO—Some of the nation's outstanding lawyers and legal authorities have signed a legal brief urging the Third District Court of Appeals in Sacramento to reverse the conviction of the eight victims of the California Criminal Syndicalism Act when oral arguments on the appeal are heard June 9.

The brief was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, according to Ernest Besig, director of the Northern California Branch. It was filed as amicus curiae, or "friend of the court."

Arguments on the case will be led by Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, who was head of the legal defense for seven of the victims during the trial.

"Free Speech Denied"

Those who signed the brief stated they had done so "because we are persuaded that the constitutional liberties of the defendants have been infringed upon, and their constitutional rights to freedom of speech have been denied them."

The ACLU brief was drawn up by Omond K. Fraenkel, New York attorney, who was counsel in the recent successful appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court in the de Jonge case involving the Oregon Criminal Syndicalism law.

Among the signers were two former chairmen of the National Labor Relations Board, Francis Biddle of Philadelphia and Lloyd K. Garrison, Dean of the University of Wisconsin Law School; Professor George W. Kiehl, former warden of Sing Sing prison; Prof. Fred Rodell, Yale Law School; Prof. Alexander Frey, University of Pennsylvania Law School; Edward D. Tittman, of Hillsboro, N. M.; Isaac Holler, of New Orleans; George B. Leonard, of St. Paul; Judge Jackson H. Ralston, of Palo Alto; and Arthur Garfield Hays, national counsel of the ACLU.

Cite de Jonge, Herndon

The brief contends that these fundamental liberties were denied because of the refusal of the trial court to submit to the jury the issue of "clear and present danger." On the basis of the U. S. Supreme Court's decisions in the de Jonge and Angelo Herndon cases, it is argued that the California Criminal Syndicalism statute, which is in derogation of the right of free speech and free assembly, "could constitutionally have application only when the facts of the particular case indicated a clear and present danger that the words complained of might produce the substantive evils against which the state had a right to legislate."

Only in California

The brief further points out that California is now the only state in the union in which persons charged with violation of a criminal syndicalism law are in jail.

The International Labor Defense, in its legal arguments presented by Gallagher and in the mass campaign which it has been carrying on for the release of the prisoners and for the repeal of the law, contends that the law is clearly unconstitutional in its abridgment of the rights of free speech and assembly.

The C. S. prisoners were specifically cleared by the jury in 1935 of any acts of violence which might come under other laws, and were convicted solely on "conspiracy to violate the C. S. Act."

Marcantonio to Aid Mayor La Guardia's Reelection Campaign

NEW YORK—Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio announced here that he would support Mayor F. H. La Guardia for reelection "in order to defeat Tammany."

"I have criticized Mayor La Guardia on many issues in the past and I shall continue to criticize him on those issues on which he leans towards the reactionaries," the former congressman said.

DIVERSION OF WORK RELIEF FUNDS FOUGHT

'Earmarking' Would Take Jobs From Thousands

WASHINGTON—With the small bloc of progressives taking the lead in opposing a pork-barrel spree that would cost the dismissal of several hundred thousand WPA workers, the work relief bill was put over for further consideration this week.

The delay was obtained on the direct request of administration leaders, after a group of conservative democrats joined with the Republican contingent in an effort to set aside a third of the proposed \$15,000,000 relief appropriation for special projects.

Already Inadequate

The money would be transferred from WPA to other agencies, and little doubt remained that the net effect would be the dismissal of new thousands along with the half-million already scheduled to lose their relief work because of the inadequacy of the \$15,000,000 appropriation.

In all, \$505,000,000 was earmarked for other projects, \$300,000,000 of which would go to PWA. Comparison of WPA and PWA figures shows that while 85.2 per cent of WPA funds goes for wages, the PWA figure is only a trifle over 40 per cent direct employment on the project, with the remainder going into cost of materials.

The difference is increased by the fact that 96 per cent of the WPA workers are relief workers. Only 19.7 per cent of PWA workers on May 1, 1937, were relief workers.

Low Percentage to Labor

The house also earmarked \$150,000,000 for highway projects. This would come under the supervision of the Department of Public Roads, which on April 17 had only 32.7 per cent of relief workers on its projects.

A reactionary amendment was also put through the house by Representative Lanham of Texas, designed to perpetuate the low level of farm labor wages in those places where they are even lower than local WPA scales. It provided that no agricultural worker who had turned down a private job could stay on the work relief as long as the private job was still running.

WPA Administrator Arthur Hopkins charged that the earmarking of the funds for special "vote-getting" projects would force some 600,000 workers off WPA rolls.

Discrimination Voted

Although the house defeated by a close vote of 116 to 112 a proposal to deny relief work to non-citizens, an amendment was passed on the proposal of the Republican Hamilton Fish to discriminate against them by giving preference to citizens. Another amendment proposed by Fish was adopted to give preference to World War and Spanish War veterans.

The weight of the administration will be put behind the attempt to stop the diversion of the relief funds during the interim before the bill was scheduled to come up for a final vote on Tuesday of this week.

Waldman to Face Charges of Aiding Tammany

NEW YORK—Louis Waldman, leader of the right-wing Social Democratic Federation, will be forced to answer charges before the state committee of the American Labor Party, it was learned here by the Daily Worker.

Waldman, a member of the state committee of the American Labor Party, has already been publicly rebuked by Luigi Antonio, state chairman of the party, for making an unauthorized statement that Mayor F. H. La Guardia should reject the Republican nomination for re-election and accept only a proposed endorsement by the ALP.

The action was generally seen by ALP leaders as a pro-Tammany move, many of them pointing out that this was consistent with Waldman's past actions. They declared that such a proposal if carried out would play directly into the hands of Tammany.

"Waldman is simply acting as a 'stalking horse,'" said one ALP leader. "He knows very well that under the present circumstances for the mayor to decline to enter the Republican primaries is tantamount to rejecting the fight for progressivism within that organization. In terms of actual votes that means that Waldman wants the mayor to lose 300,000 or so votes still obtainable under the GOP emblem and thus throw the election to the reactionary Tammany candidate."

Petition on the Supreme Court

They're reaching the mark! Some two hundred signatures have already been forwarded to Washington from previous publication of this petition. Clip it. Circulate it! Forward to WESTERN WORKER 121 Haight, San Francisco.

THEN GET THE SIGNERS TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE WESTERN WORKER AS THE REAL FIGHTER TO REFORM THE COURT!

SENATOR HIRAM JOHNSON, UNITED STATES SENATE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

We, the undersigned, hereby petition and demand that you, as elected representative of the people of California to the United States Senate, cease defining the wishes and desires of the majority of the people of California by attacking the Supreme Court reform legislation now facing Congress. We further petition and demand that you support this legislation so vital to the interests of the people, and that you use your influence to secure favorable votes from all 20 members of Congress from California.

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Where Does That Milk Penny Go?

By CLINT DUFF

Even the very young milk drinkers understand that 12 pennies minus 11 leaves one penny unaccounted for. And those of us who have passed our 6th birthday are not to be fooled by the fairy tales which the Retail Milk Dealers' Association of San Francisco has been spinning to account for that extra penny.

These gentlemen say that in the first place the dealers have been pinched for pennies too long already. And with this we must bow our heads and weep for such weakling corporations as the Borden Company!

Yet according to Poor's Industrial Volume this gigantic national corporation (of which Borden's Dairy Delivery is a branch) delivers milk in 16 states and Canada, and the profits for 1935—when business was much worse than in 1937—amounted to \$4,842,349.

Pity to Golden State Co!

Or perhaps we should wring our hands with despair at the lot of Golden State Co. which maintains more than 50 dairies in the State of California and which reported a profit of \$70,036 for 1934 and of \$219,095 for 1935. In all probability the profits for this last company have been increasing at an even rate, making the probable 1937 yearly profit mount up to something in the neighborhood of \$250,000. We can sympathize with the Golden State Co.—just able to scrape along on a half a million dollars after all expenses and taxes have been paid!

So It's Labor!

But our local story-tellers go on to say that LABOR is the villain in the tale. To use the term of the reactionary president of the Milk Drivers' Union, Barnes (who is certainly no stranger to the offices of the Dealers Assn.), rising wages "unavoidably" cause rising prices. This statement is not true, but the Association can thank Barnes for it. Labor can't.

What is the simple arithmetic of the matter? The milk wagon drivers, true enough, received a wage increase of \$18 a month, or about 50c a day. To account for the wage increase of other workers connected with distribution, we will add 50c per deliveryman per day. Then, finally, we'll tack on \$2 to cover any increase in cost of raw milk to bring the total added expense to \$3 per deliveryman per day (although this estimate is perhaps twice as much as the actual figure).

Arithmetic Now, each deliveryman disposes of 800 quart bottles a day, each now costing 12c instead of 11c. So here is the arithmetic: 800 quarts times 1c equals \$8.00 increased revenue per driver; minus \$3.00 increased expense per driver, leaves \$5.00 profit per driver per day.

If you want to get a rough estimate of how much your particular dealer is making a day by stealing pennies from milk-hungry babies, multiply the number of drivers working by \$5. Or another way of looking at the matter: Over two-thirds

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MILLIONAIRES OIL CO. BRIBE ROBBING GOV'T IN TAX FRAUD IS CHARGED BY L. A. SENATOR

Dummy Corporations Are Set Up On Islands Assemblyman Took Money, Says Sen. Olson

WASHINGTON—One hundred American millionaires, by setting up dummy corporations in foreign islands and Latin-American countries, have fraudulently escaped payment of more than a hundred millions dollars of income taxes in the current year. This was reported to President Roosevelt by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., with the announcement that the defaulters must either pay up within sixty days or be prosecuted for fraud.

Some of the "patriotic" American millionaires have even become citizens of foreign countries to evade payment of taxes, it was further disclosed.

According to Chief Counsel Morrison Shafroth of the Internal Revenue Bureau, "50 per cent fraud penalties will be slapped on every person using this device to evade payments."

The disclosure was made as a result of an investigation which followed a shortage of \$140,000,000 in March alone below the estimated receipts of the income tax, indicating that the shortage for the current year would be \$540,000,000 if the defaulters were allowed to continue with their evasion.

Still Taxable

Shafroth said the evasion method involves setting up dummy corporations on such islands as the Bahamas, Bermuda, Newfoundland, West Indies, or in Canada or Latin-American countries, to which stocks, bonds and other assets are transferred.

Shafroth declared that some of the "most prominent wealthy men in the country will be involved" if they delay in payment until prosecutions are necessary. He said that legally the stocks and bonds transferred to foreign dummy corporations are still subject to taxation.

RADIO STRIKE

CAMDEN, N. J.—Demanding wage increases and exclusive recognition, 600 members of the United Electrical & Radio Workers walked out of the Radio Condenser Co. plant here.

NAZI MOVES IN DANZIG

DANZIG—The Nazi government is moving for a new step here to tighten its dictatorship; the "Aryan paragraph" is to be put into force here as in Germany.

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Review of New Labor Play by Michael
Quin—California History for Workers

WESTERN WORKER FEATURES

Experiences in Getting New Readers
For the "Western"—Ideas for Homes

'OF MICE AND MEN' IS A HIT

Theatre Union's Hard
Work is Rewarded

By MICHAEL QUIN

SAN FRANCISCO—You can't blame the Theatre Union members, if they look and act a bit dazed and patient. After years of hard work, patience, disappointment, exasperation, dismay and adversity they suddenly find themselves established in their own theatre with a sensational hit on their hands, playing to packed houses and turning away overflow crowds. A few months ago they rented the old Green St. Theatre (629 Green St.) a barn full of cobwebs and trash, located next to a mortuary in North Beach.

Success at the Start
The actors donned overalls and got busy cleaning the place up. Soon placards and news items announced the Theatre Union was re-opening the playhouse with a world premiere of the dramatized version of John Steinbeck's sensational best-selling novel, "Of Mice and Men."

Opening night, May 21, found the place packed to the rafters. Many who came expected to see a fairly good amateur performance. They came away realizing they had been given a performance as competent and talented as anything the commercial theatre could produce—and with additional qualities of sincerity and enthusiasm unmatched by any uptown production.

The play itself is no mere entertainment. It is one that follows you home and stays in your mind for a long while afterward. It concerns itself with the lives and hopes of migratory agricultural workers—the most exploited and unfortunate slave slaves in California industry. Their loneliness for warm, human relationships; their hunger for a little bit of land in which they envision security and peace—these things are depicted against a background of economic injustice.

Whole Story Not Told

The characters manifest little understanding of their predicament and little inclination for struggle beyond "piling up a stake," and finding some individual "way out," some little corner of the world insulated against the "meanness" which they encounter on every hand. Steinbeck does not tell the whole story by any means. Nor does he portray all the influences at work in the minds of field laborers today. A glance at the newspapers indicates migratory workers are seeing their organization more and more in salvational struggle.

Nevertheless, Steinbeck has written an unforgettable masterpiece. It is honest, sincere and important. I am not going to pick it to pieces because he chose to depict non-class-conscious workers instead of class-conscious workers. There are multitudes of non-class-conscious workers and it is important to understand them—woman hungry peace hungry, friend hungry, men tortured by economic injustices—striking out blindly to satisfy longings they only half understand—groping for a solution to their woes—begging for an answer.

Be Sure to See It

The present play schedule is as follows: "Bury the Dead," Irwin Shaw's dynamic anti-war play, June 5; "Of Mice and Men," June 11-12.

During the summer months, these two plays will be performed on alternate week-ends, Friday and Saturday nights. For reservations, phone EXbrook 8322.

Order Literature For Spain Week

Carrying the truth about the Spanish Popular Front Government and its fight against the Fascist invasion, literature will play an important role in "California's Week for Spanish Democracy," June 13-20.

Each Communist Party unit and branch is asked to propose quotas for mass distribution of literature on Spain at every meeting, demonstration, at shop gates and in neighborhoods, particularly on the 16 pamphlets: "Lenin in Spain," "Shipowners' Plot Against Spanish Democracy" and "Trotskyism Against World Peace."

Emphasis should also be placed on "Spain in Arms, 1937," by Anna Louise Strong, price 25c. The stirring narrative of her own experiences on the Spanish battlefield.

For Analysis
Theoretical and analytical pamphlets are George Dimitroff's "Spain and the People's Front," and "The Spanish Revolution," by M. Ercoli, 5c.

Quickly becoming one of American labor's favorite songs, "No Pasaran" by Leopoldo Gonzalez, price 10 cents, should also be publicized.

Printed in Spanish are "The Path to Victory," 5c, and "Traitors Trial."

Go to the nearest Workers Book Store, or order from International Book Store, 170 Golden Gate, San Francisco.

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

NAZI GERMANY'S four year plan of starvation to attain "self-sufficiency" is not taken seriously by any economists—not even by the poorest economists in the world, the Nazi economists.

It is utterly impossible for Germany to become "self-sufficient."

Nor is the plan intended to achieve this end. It is intended as a propaganda drive to make the German people tighten their belts in order that all imports can be concentrated on the needs of the war industries.

Germany has absolutely no cotton, rubber, nickel, chrome, antimony, tin, mercury or mica. She has practically no petroleum, aluminum, manganese or tungsten. She has only very trivial sources of copper, lead, sulphur, pyrites, wool and phosphates. Without these critical raw materials, she would have to shut down practically all of her industries (tomorrow). And despite the German cleverness in creating substitutes, they could double the number of possible substitutes they now have at their command and still not make up one per cent of this deficiency.

On top of that, Germany has no credit. How do they expect to go to war under these circumstances?

That's easy. They expect underhanded support from the capitalists of America and Great Britain. How do you suppose they managed to hold out for four years during the last war? They kept the hell-fires burning with American, British, and even French raw materials shipped in to them through neutral countries. If Great Britain and America wanted to clamp down on the fascist nations they could strangle their war plans in short order. Great Britain and America control three-fourths of all the raw materials of the earth.

It is interesting to note that the three most belligerent countries in the world today are the three least able to supply their own war needs.

Italy has absolutely no petroleum, no cotton, no rubber, no nickel, no chrome, no tungsten, no phosphates, no tin, and no mica. She has scarcely any coal, copper or manganese. She can't supply half her needs in wool, potash, and antimony.

If Great Britain and America wanted to clamp down on petroleum alone, they could choke off the war plans of both Germany and Italy. As for Japan, she has no aluminum, no rubber, no nickel and no wool. She has scarcely any petroleum, lead, cotton, potash, phosphates, antimony, tin or mercury. She can't supply half

YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

Medical Bills in Congress

A NUMBER of medical bills have come up before Congress recently, which should be either supported or opposed by progressive forces.

The following are progressive bills and should be supported:

H. R. 6623, H. R. 6646, S. 6240, H. R. 6077, H. R. 6595, H. R. 5404, H. R. 6175, H. R. 6209, H. R. 2616, H. R. 6276, and H. R. 6290 are bills which propose the erection of various veteran hospitals in different parts of the country.

To Aid Veterans
H. R. 6624 establishes an eight hour day for employees in government hospitals. H. R. 6380 allows certain treatment given to veterans even though the disease is not connected with the service. S. 2067 and H. R. 6100 appropriate \$1,000,000 for the prevention and control of cancer.

H. R. 5970 would appropriate \$5,000,000 each year for children's camps. H. R. 5331 proposes benefits to chronically ill veterans. H. R. 5892 proposes to furnish medical and hospital care for employees and former employees of the federal government. H. R. 5458 strengthens the Food and Drugs Act.

Oppose This Bill
The following is a reactionary bill and progressive organizations should oppose it. H. R. 5397 is a vicious bill proposing to imprison not only persons who send birth control devices or information through the mails but also anyone who receives such objects.

Medicine Under the British Lion
Fresno.

Dear Dr. Bissell:
I have a friend in British Columbia who has had a pain in her stomach for six months and has gradually become paralyzed during this time.

ANSWER: It is impossible to determine the cause of your friend's illness without a thorough examination and without knowing the result of such an examination. I recommend, I recommend the county hospitals in such cases, but I'm not sure what medical benefits His Majesty's Government bestows on his dutiful working-class subjects.

Have your friend write me as to what hospitals and clinics are open to her, and I will let her know what to do.

How Many Can You Answer?

1. What world-famous former athletic champion spoke at the Youth Peace Rally in New York on Memorial Day?
2. How many members has the Communist Party of France?
3. How many miles separate U. S. territory from Soviet Union territory?
4. Does the American Federation of Labor Constitution bar Negroes from membership?
5. What is the Negro population in the U. S.?

her requirements in zinc and manganese.

How can a country like that go to war?

Of course Wall Street is banking heavily on selling huge quantities of these products to whatever foreign nation is ready to start the cannons booming. And, if their credit isn't good, Wall Street is always willing to gamble on a cut in the spoils—especially since the Soviet Union is marked for booty.

How did Japan build her hideous war machine in the first place? The United States purchases 75 per cent of Japan's silk, and that amounts to 35 per cent of her total world exports. Then Japan turned around and bought the necessary war materials from America.

Germany is in a far worse position than either Italy or Japan. At least these latter two are self-sufficient as regards food, even though that means a very low standard of living for their people. But Germany, even to maintain a drastically low standard of living, had to import 23 per cent of her food supply. Now she is trying to cut out that.

All this might make it appear that the fascist nations are treading on very thin ground. So they are. But these aren't the reasons. Despite these shortages, they know the British and American capitalists are ready to kick through.

The question is, will honest British and American union men be willing to ship these materials? If nothing else, this survey should convince you of the importance of the anti-war movements in Britain and America.

Incidents on the Circulation Front

The Western Worker Circulation Drive continues to show untapped reserves for building the circulation of our fighting paper. From "Somewhere in California" (we say "somewhere," because it can happen anywhere), comes the following revealing incident:

"May I give you a tall laugh?" writes a comrade. "Just this morning I happened to be in the Communist Party headquarters, and who walks into the office but the man who delivers bottled water to the Party office."

"How long this same party has been delivering water to the office, I am not in a position to say. But I do know that by approaching him, I was able to sell a yearly subscription to the Water Man for the Western Worker, and he walked off happily with a copy of Foster's 'From Bryan to Stalin.'"

"Wishing you a successful Western Worker campaign, and pledging to do my part."

And here's a little poem, by John Payne, that should spur you to get more and more new readers for the "Western":

THE BOSSES' PRESS

Every day the scribbles gather
"All the news that's fit to print"—
And work themselves into a lather
Giving it the proper tint.

Reporters know just what to see,
When to scoff and when to be solemn,
While editors scan carefully
For heresy in every column.

When workers sit down on the job
Or strike for union recognition,
A picket line is called a "mob,"
A sitdown strike becomes "sedition."

For sympathetic labor news
We search in vain the daily papers,
Filled with Hollywood reviews
And Wally Simpson's latest capers.

Workingmen who want redress
From smutty fact and willful fiction,
Support and read the labor press
And get the truth without restriction.

The Laundry and Cleaning Workers' Unit, San Francisco, reports it has turned in 29 subscriptions on its adopted quota of 50 by the Fourth of July, plus one yearly sub to the Daily Worker. It expects to go over the top, for sure. Let's have reports from other industrial units throughout the state.

Useful Ideas for the Housewife

Do you and your family like pie? A farmer's wife submits three recipes for "Western" readers to try out:

CINNAMON CREAM PIE

- 2 cups milk, or part cream.
- 1/2 cup sugar.
- 2 tablespoons flour.
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon.
- 1 tablespoon butter.
- 2 egg yolks (save whites for top).

Mix flour, sugar and cinnamon thoroughly, pour milk over mixture a little at a time and beat well. Then stir in beaten egg. Cook, until thick, stirring constantly. Add butter. Pour mixture in baked pie crust, cover with meringue and brown in oven.

MOCK LEMON PIE

- 2 cups sugar.
- 2 cups water.
- 4 tablespoons flour.
- 2 egg yolks.
- 1 tablespoon butter.
- 1 teaspoon lemon flavoring.
- 4 tablespoons vinegar.

Put water in pan, stir in sugar, butter and salt, well beaten egg yolks and flour, mixed with a little cold water. Cook until thick. Add vinegar, butter and flavoring. Pour filling in baked pie crust, cover with beaten egg whites, to which a tablespoon of sugar has been added, and brown lightly in oven.

SOUP CREAM RAISIN PIE

- 1 cup sour cream (or sweet).
- 1/2 cup seeded raisins, chopped fine.
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon.
- 1 cup sugar.
- 2 egg yolks.

Bake in uncooked crust, using the whites of two eggs beaten stiff with two tablespoons sugar on top.

And here are some special hints for housewives:

By using cooking or salad oil for lubricating small equipment like egg beaters or meat choppers, the chance of flavoring the food with machine oil is avoided.

When preparing white potatoes or sweet potatoes for the oven, rub them with lard; they will taste better and the skin comes off easily.

A needle for sewing burlap or

heavy cloth, can be made from a key can opener, such as comes with many cans of food. Straighten out the end used as a finger grip and file it to sharp point. In use the string is slipped through the eye at the other end.

Major Lord Talks In S. F. Symposium

SAN FRANCISCO—Recently arrived from the Spanish war front, Major Frederick I. Lord, famous American world war ace, will be one of the speakers at a symposium to be held in Scottish Rite Auditorium Sunday evening, June 13 under the auspices of the United Council to Combat Anti-Semitism and Nazism.

"Nazism Versus Democracy" is to be the general theme of the group discussion, with views expressed by numerous well known liberals, among them John D. Barry, prominent local columnist, Viola Brothers Shore, distinguished author, Herbert Berman, noted motion picture and stage director and one of the founders of the New York Theatre Guild. Dr. Paul Bucholtz, executive secretary of the California Church Council, Rabbi Saul White, Jewish leader and philanthropist, Sol Silverman, editor of the Emanu-El, who will act as chairman, and Major Lord.

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PAMPHLET FOR JOBLESS IS IN 3 LANGUAGES

An instrument for the further organization of the unemployed and WPA workers in the fight for an American standard of living, "How to Win Work at a Living or a Decent Standard of Living With the Workers Alliance of America" is a new pamphlet that is filling the bill throughout the country.

This pamphlet is published in English at 2 cents per copy, and is now being published in Spanish and Italian languages at 3 cents per copy, by the Workers' Library Publishers.

Workers Alliance locals, or unemployed individuals, can place orders for this vital pamphlet through the International Book Store, 170 Golden Gate, San Francisco.

Declared one of the picketers' banners. Others declared: "We protect the anti-WPA attitude of the News," and "The News says dole, we say no dole."

NEW YORK—In protest against editorials and news articles viciously attacking relief workers and calling for the abolition of relief jobs, members of the WPA writers' and artists' projects picketed the office of the New York Daily News.

"The News said liquidate WPA; we say expand WPA," declared one of the picketers' banners. Others declared: "We protect the anti-WPA attitude of the News," and "The News says dole, we say no dole."

From the very beginning, the workers in San Francisco were militant in fighting for their rights and union organization started very early in the Gold Rush days as the workers faced skyrocketing prices due to the influx of miners.

They had to organize to exist, and were far from slow in doing so.

Russian hills down to the waterfront where Battery and First Sts. now touch Market St.

With American occupation of California, however, the town began to increase its population and changed its name from Yerba Buena to San Francisco. By early 1843, the population was almost 900 inhabitants, covering an area between Telegraph, Rincon and

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MILLIONS USED TO DEFEAT S. P.

More Reminiscences Of California

By J. E. SNYDER

After the final elections in Los Angeles (1910), it was reported in the Oakland World news department, that because of the McNamara confession, "the women voters went almost entirely against Harriman (Socialist candidate for mayor)," which of course was not altogether true as organized labor families stood their ground pretty well, and so did the Party forces.

The Harriman buttons thrown on the street by small business men and professionals and intellectuals, were picked up and worn by the workers.

By the time the election rolled around, the Oakland World began to print stories such as the following, that showed a tendency once more to measure things more realistically:

"A million dollars has been raised. Every effort that desperate ingenuity can devise is being made to defeat Harriman and the Socialist ticket. The Big Business interests are straining every nerve to threaten, cajole or cozen the men and women of the city into the support of the 'Good Government' candidates."

"The notorious Times and Hearst's Examiner are pouring forth editorials warning the citizens that the bonds of the city will become worthless, that capital will flee the town, that workmen will lose their employment and eventually their homes if the calamity of a socialist administration occurs."

"A great meeting of business men of all political faiths was held on the night before the primaries and it is said that the million dollar slush fund was pledged to secure the victory of the anti-socialist ticket. The churches true to form registered strong opposition and the Rector of the Christ Episcopal Church made an impassioned appeal to vote against the 'Red Menace.'"

In the Los Angeles Times, Otis permitted Alma Whitaker to say of an organization calling itself "Plain Citizens": "They will from a combine. Its object will be the suppression of sedition and anarchy in the person of the professional agitator. There will be a big, powerful, effective but very unostentatious revolt. It will work quietly, surely, silently. The first thing the Plain Citizens will accomplish is the quick removal of these gentlemen. They won't be blown up; they will just quietly disappear from human ken."

This statement was very much like the one made by Otis' father in pre-slavery days that excited the mob to drag Wm. Lloyd Garrison from his little printshop, with intent to hang him, and would likely have done so if Wendell Phillips had not succeeded in stopping them.

So in the high pitch of things when the "Confession" came, it was hard to find a clear mind left to speak a sound word. McNamara brothers were left hanging out on a limb. They had stirred up the people. They were on the cross. They had hoped for understandings promised, that are yet to come.

But the people came back, as they always come back until the battle is won.

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FASCIST DOCTOR BARES CRUELTY OF FRANCO MEN

The abysmal cruelty and savagery of the fascists fighting against the democratic Spanish People's Front Government, is revealed by the personal physician of a fascist general.

A signed and attested document from Portugal gives the following information:

"When the rebel general, Sanjurjo, was in Portugal, he had with him his physician, Dr. Moreira. On the death of Sanjurjo, this doctor joined Franco's forces as colonel in the medical service."

"A short time ago he returned to Portugal. In the presence of numerous friends, he expressed



his disgust at the manner in which the fascists were conducting the war.

"The nurse who worked in the hospital of Talavera also expressed their horror and consternation. One morning some Falangists entered the hospital in the small hours, dragged 30 wounded Republican soldiers out of their beds, and after torturing them, shot them without mercy."

In all wars until now the wounded have been respected, Dr. Moreira said bitterly. The doctor concluded by saying that he now wanted to resign from Franco's army.

3 Alameda Cities Will Witness 'Spain in Flames'

San Leandro, Berkeley and Hayward will see the film "Spain in Flames" this week.

Berkeley showing of the vital document of Spain's defense against the fascist invasion will be Tuesday evening, June 1, at Comrades' Hall, 1819 Tenth St. Two showings will be given, at 7 and 9 p. m.

With the address not yet announced at this writing, Hayward's showing will be Wednesday, June 2, also at 7 and 9 p. m.

San Leandro will witness the film under the auspices of Club Iberia Beneficio, 1349 Hayes street, Thursday night, June 3, with showings at 7 and 9 p. m. Adult admission in all cases is 25 cents, children 10 cents.

Parking Meters Are Proposed in Two California Cities

SANTA ANA—A proposal to charge for the privilege of parking a car on public streets is scheduled to come up for a vote before the city council here June 7. Meters would be installed and motorists required to deposit a coin for a limited parking time.

Opposition in Laguna Beach
LAGUNA BEACH—A petition was in circulation here against a proposal to install parking meters in the downtown business section.

Anti Fingerprinting Bill Approved by California Assembly

SACRAMENTO—By a 41 to 24 vote, the state assembly passed the Richie anti-fingerprinting bill, prohibiting any agency of the state or political subdivision from acquiring or keeping finger print records, unless volunteered, except of those arrested or to identify newborn infants.

While the bill would not stop police use of fingerprints on framed labor arrests, it is aimed at efforts to secure general compulsory finger printing measures whose real purpose is blacklisting for labor activities.

OAKLAND TRIB. AIDS FASCISM

Pro-Franco Trash is Used as 'Literary'

American fascists have put a new wrinkle in their pro-Franco propaganda, if Oakland Tribune feature columns are any indication. To be brief, the propaganda for the Italian and Nazi butchers under Franco have "gone literary."

"Maria of Malaga" is the title of this fascist effusion in the Tribune, May 11. This little tale utilizes all technique of the dime novel "thriller," save that for the figure of Jack Dalton, the Texas bad man, is substituted "Captain Mendez" of the "Reds." The Captain, "leering horribly," seeks to use Maria for his own purposes under threat of horrible tortures.

Literary Abortion
But perhaps we should let the author of this literary effort, one Granville Fortescue, speak for himself—it is an alarming tale:

"Noting the Red officer's face as he sneered down on her mother, Maria Luana stiffened with fear."

"Marry my daughter in church, senior Captain, as her father—God rest his soul—and I were married, by a priest—"

"Churches!" The sneer on Captain Mendez' face deepened. "They make magnificent bonfires. Padres! We anarchists have—as Russian say—liquidated them!"

Like Old Fake Melodramas
Mr. Fortescue then lapses into a column-long rhapsody on the burning of churches by these "villainous Reds." Captain Mendez gives Maria two days to relent "or else," and finally with all the fanfare of the entry of the U. S. Marines in the usual thriller, Franco's troops come marching to the rescue. With them comes Maria's sweetheart, Pedro Salas, who shoots Mendez dead just as that worthy is about to prick Maria brother's eyes with red-hot needles.

Mendez and all the "Reds" take on the clothing of the villains in the nineteenth century melodramas. One expects to hear the base captain shriek "Fouled again" as his plans are upset, and true to the tradition, the story ends in an embrace and fade-out.

Fortescue "Forgot" Fascist Brutality

Perhaps Mr. Fortescue "forgot" to mention the bombing and shelling of the fleeing thousands of civilians at Malaga by a Nazi-battle ship, but we do not think he does not object to such bombings and slaughter if they will insure the victory of Franco and his fascist allies and the suppression of the free Spanish people.

Halt Such Vilifications

The moral is obvious: Newspapers must be made to feel the weight of popular pressure to put a halt to such vilifications of the gallant and heroic Spanish people.

Stevens of Guild Charges Green Has Violated Labor Act

CHICAGO—Bill Green stands accused of violating the Wagner Labor Relations Act!

Charges were filed with the Labor Board by J. P. Stevens, whom Green dismissed the other day, a special AFL organizer for the Newspaper Guild. Green gave Stevens' support for CIO policies as the reason. Stevens charges he was fired "because of union activities."

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California A Working Class History By Ned Dahl

By the end of 1849, with the rush of the '49ers, San Francisco was quite a large and rapidly growing city, but it had been founded only 14 years earlier, in 1835, when Capt. W. A. Richardson laid the foundation for modern San Francisco by erecting a rude building on the beach known as Yerba Buena.

Then Jacob P. Leese built a frame house near the same site, later a store, and made the place something

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Santa Clara Labor Demands Probe of Franco-Spy Ring

UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS NYE-BERNARD RESOLUTION FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION

Santa Clara County Council First Labor Central Body to Back Probe of Spy-Ring Uncovered by Daily Worker

SAN JOSE—Unanimously, the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council went on record giving support to the Congressional investigation of Franco's Spanish fascist spy-ring operating in the United States, which has been asked in by Nye-Bernard resolution in Congress.

L. A. TEAMSTER OFFICIALS HELP DAIRY OWNERS

Try to Block Organization Of Workers Into CIO Union

LOS ANGELES—Continued evidence of collaborations between Arden Dairy Farms' officials and AFL leadership in the Teamsters union to prevent organization by the CIO Dairy Workers Union was announced last week by E. A. Kope, CIO organizer.

Officials at the Arden Dairy are telling workers to join the AFL union, Kope declared.

CIO Union Gains Fast

Strong organizational gains are being made by the Dairy Workers union, with a new local of the union set up in China last week.

"We don't mean any monkey business," Kope said. "We know that hundreds of teamsters are going to support us."

"Mr. Dail and Mr. Beck of the Teamsters union, are going to discover that their collaborationist policies are not going to benefit their Teamsters union or the AFL."

San Diego Cannery Local Organizing

By a Cannery Worker

SAN DIEGO—San Diego Cannery workers due to the low wage scale paid and the very bad conditions under which they have been forced to work for years, have rebelled and decided they will not tolerate any longer this unwarranted treatment.

They knowing that in San Pedro and other parts of the Pacific Coast, due to the fact that the cannery workers are organized, they receive a higher wage and consequently enjoy better working and living conditions.

Secure AFL Charter

With the determination that can only come from workers that for years have suffered privation, hunger and want as well as the rankest exploitation, a group of 22 cannery workers attended a meeting of the Deep Sea & Purse Seine Fishermen Union, petitioned the American Federation of Labor for a charter which was granted.

In this manner the cannery workers of this region have laid the solid foundation of a bona-fide union, under the name of Cannery Workers Union, Local 20,593, of San Diego Bay Area. The San Pedro Cannery Workers Union Local No. 20,147, as a result of the earnest desire and willingness of the San Diego cannery workers to organize, elected a full-time paid organizer who will assist them in their noble purpose.

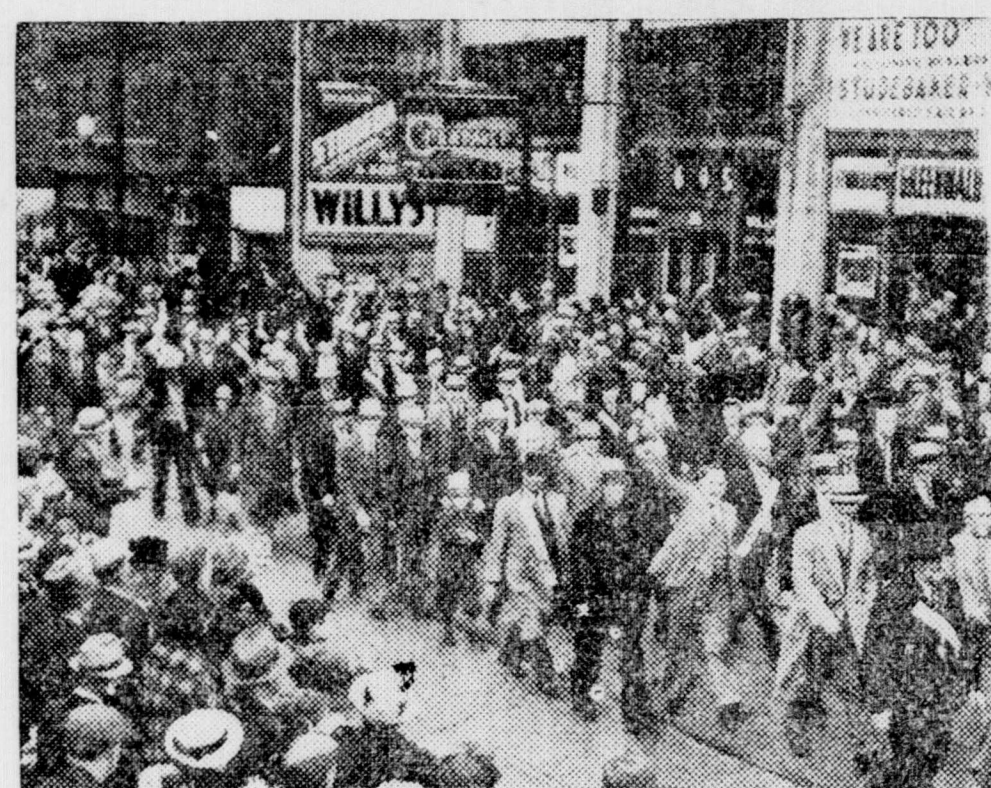
The Organizing Committee of the San Diego Central Labor Council deserves a great deal of credit for their effort and activity in the formation of this growing local.

With the promised support of all the organized labor movement, the day is near when San Diego's second largest industry will be organized 100 per cent.

Dept. Store Union Wins Victory in S. F. Kress Stores

SAN FRANCISCO—The Department Store Employees Union, Local 1100, scored a victory here when the Kress Stores backed water on their anti-union attitude. As a result, two girls fired for union activity, and their girls demoted for union activity, were restored to their original jobs. Local 1100 now has over 5000 members.

And Now for Henry Ford



MEMBERS OF the CIO United Automobile Workers Parade in Detroit. They're set to conquer Henry Ford now.

WORKERS IN 2 S. F. PLANTS SECURE GAINS

SAN FRANCISCO—Union conditions have been won by workers in two more plants here. Warehousemen's Union, IIA 38-44, secured an agreement with the Sunset Nut Shelling Co. for a 70-cent minimum hourly wage scale, time and a half for overtime, preferential hiring, and a seasonal split between a 40-hour and 44-hour week with an eight-hour day. Production Machine Operators and Miscellaneous Metal Workers Union, Local 20,444, reached an agreement with the Milo Lamp Shade Mfg. Co. for a 40-hour week, 60-cent hourly minimum, and overtime pay.

OAKLAND NEWSIE FIGHTS TRANSIT COMPANY FRAME

Urge Workers to Pack Court Room at June 17 Trial

By a Newsboy

OAKLAND—For a long time, the big newspapers in Oakland have instructed the newsboys to sell street car transfers and tokens at a cut rate along with their papers.

Recently a newsboy named Roger E. Forgel was framed by an inspector for the East Bay Transit Co. on a fake charge that he sold a transfer along with a paper to a young lady.

The newsboy has 25 witnesses to testify that he did not sell a transfer and the young woman, who was roughly handled by the inspector, who tried to force her to admit the sale, denies it.

Pack the Court Room!

But even in the face of this evidence, the frame-up is scheduled for trial June 17, at the Oakland City Hall. All workers and especially newsboys are urged to be on hand to pack the court room on the date set. Aubrey Grossman, union attorney, will defend the case. A jury trial has been demanded.

Boys Had to Strike

The offering of tokens as an inducement to buy papers is a result of newsboys having to work from 9 to 12 hours a day for six days in order to get magnificent "bonuses" of from \$3 to \$6. Children have been working at night for a "bonus" of 25c per week.

But even this so-called bonus was withdrawn and 800 newsboys struck Tuesday, May 25, to demand their rights.

Fellow Oakland Newsboys! Let us all stand together and win our fight for a living wage and union recognition!

Demand New Trial For Mensalves

NIPOMA—On grounds that evidence did not support the verdict of guilty, Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, was scheduled May 28 to demand a new trial in the case of C. D. Mensalves and E. B. Bushnell, arrested here last April 15 on charges of "disturbance of the peace."

Mensalves, Filipino labor leader, and Bushnell, journalist, were arrested during the recent pea-pickers' strike when they objected to the use of the local anti-picketing ordinance to break the strike.

Brought to trial on May 11, both defendants were found guilty by a jury composed entirely of growers and deputy sheriffs. Strong point on the side of the defense for a new trial is that not one worker was on the jury. Justice of the Peace Melbourne Dana presided during the trial.

Painters Condemn IATSE Scabbing

CINCINNATI—Scabbing in the Hollywood movie strike by the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees officials, was condemned in a resolution presented to the American Federation of Labor meeting of heads of "loyal" international unions, by President Lindelof, of the Painters' International Union. The resolution reads:

"Whereas, it has come to the attention of the said international representative, that the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees an affiliated union of the AFL are recruiting and replacing striking craftsmen, and

"Whereas, the said IATSE is preventing duly accredited international unions from reaching an agreement with the motion picture producers in Hollywood;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the American Federation of Labor executive board go on record as opposing the action of the said IATSE and be it further

"Resolved that the American Federation of Labor executive council notify the IATSE to cease and desist the recruiting of any and all members of the international unions and allow the said international unions to reach an agreement with the Hollywood motion picture producers agreeable to all parties involved."

125 Lassen Lumber Men Join in CIO

SUSANVILLE (Lassen County)—One hundred and twenty-five Susanville loggers and lumber mill employees have signed up with the CIO, organizer Howard Dyer of Westwood announced. The 125 men joined in one day.

EASTSIDE LEADS L. A. COUNTY IN "WESTERN" SUBSCRIPTIONS

Eastside, Orange County and Hollywood sections of the Communist Party, Los Angeles, were running neck and neck in the Western Worker Circulation Drive, in the standings as of Monday, May 24. The standings follow:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY STANDINGS			
Section	Quota	Subs	Secured Percentage
Eastside	150	65	43.3
Orange County	45	19	42.2
Hollywood	150	62	41.3
Goodyear	100	38	38.0
Southern Pacific	50	15	30.0
Industrial	150	38	25.3
Harbor	100	24	24.0
Downtown	200	47	23.5
San Fernando	75	16	21.3
Bay Cities	35	7	20.0
Centinela	35	5	14.2
Belvedere	25	3	12.0
Pasadena	50	4	8.0
Professional	150	10	6.6
	1315	353	27.0

LEWIS ACCEPTS INVITATION TO VISIT MEXICO

See Closer Cooperation Between U. S. and Mexican Labor

MEXICO CITY—John L. Lewis, of the Committee for Industrial Organization, has accepted the invitation of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) to come to Mexico in September. It was announced here by Senator Soto Reyes.

Closer cooperation between the United States and Mexican labor movements is expected to result from Lewis' visit.

"We are heart and soul with John L. Lewis," declared Lombardo Toledano, CTM leader, recently. "He is undoubtedly the greatest labor leader in the United States and our views and his coincide entirely."

Under the banner of the CTM, the Mexican workers and peasants have made great gains in organization and better conditions in the past two years.

Santa Clara County Labor Votes Public Ownership of Water

SAN JOSE—The Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County adopted a resolution favoring "the district or regional ownership of the water system, by all the people in the whole territory served by that system," and requesting the San Jose City Council to call a meeting of representatives from communities and neighborhoods throughout the water district before making any decision on the question of public ownership of water.

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No vandalism was brooked. Workers were not permitted to get into new cars for any reason. There was no destruction or mischief.

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Yellow Press Lies Refuted

The Tribune and Post-Enquirer

FORD WORKERS IN RICHMOND SET EXAMPLE

Their April 23 Sit-down Was Model Of Discipline

By NAT YANISH
RICHMOND—The answer to the lie that workers cannot govern themselves was convincingly supplied by sit-down strikers in the Ford plant here on April 23, their first strike.

When the Ford population of approximately 1200 citizens returned to the plant after their lunch hour on that memorable Friday, the majority had already been informed of, and were in agreement with, the sit-down strike. This decision was determined by the attitude of indifference to the workers' grievances by the management.

Efficient Organization
Superintendent Harrison had reiterated he lacked authority to correct existing wrongs and proceeded to ignore representatives of the workers. Hence, the sit-down action.

With the exception of Harrison and his assistant, Johnson, no one was permitted to leave the plant. Harrison and Johnson were freed in order that they might carry on negotiations.

Every gate but the main one was welded. The welding equipment was wheeled about the grounds without resistance offered by the Ford thugs, generally known as "service men." To prevent the workers from welding the doors to the plant as well as the gates, keys were turned over to them.

Forces Mobilized
Organization of the forces within was immediately started. No one was permitted to leave until organization was complete. Every worker had to present a reason for wishing to leave. Departmental foremen followed stewards around the premises, begging for passes.

When details were complete, a volunteer force was required to remain in the plant. Two hundred volunteered. Automobiles to take the remaining workers home were inspected outside the main gate by stewards.

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Our Girl Reporter On Movie Pickets

13-Year-Old Correspondent Tells of Her Experiences in Hollywood Strike

By M. J. H.
(13-Year Old Girl Reporter)

HOLLYWOOD—Mom and some friends decided to go on the picket line at Pantages tonight, and (now being a reporter) I decided to tag along. We were supposed to meet some other people at seven o'clock, a half block east of the theater. Well, we got there at 7:15, and the people were still waiting for us.

All of us went to the picket captain and asked if we might picket. He was glad to have us, and our band, numbering 11, waited while he got some arm bands. The picket captain handed two arm bands to one of us (one was intended for me), but at that moment I decided I ought to interview some of the people present.

Well Organized Picket Line
The picket captain viewed me coldly, as if to say, "I knew a child would turn yellow." I think I had the grace to blush, anyway, my cheeks certainly felt uncommonly warm. So I went to the side lines and viewed the picket line.

It was a very well organized one, and there were about 30 people in it, about half of them women.

There were some kids from the YCL and the whole line presented a very agreeable appearance.

The First Interviewing
The first man I talked to was the doorman. I approached him rather timidly and asked him: "Happen you didn't work here but you wanted to see the movie, would you go through the line?" (Not very good style I later found out!)

"Sure, why not? It's a free country ain't it?" And he turned his back and walked away.

Finks Are Finks
I was rather taken aback, and beheld the line in rueful silence for fully 10 minutes.

My next attempt was the barman in the restaurant next door. I sauntered in with my best attempt at a feminine William Powell and queried: "What do you think about this strike business?"

"Oh, I don't know; you can carry these things too far. Why, do you want to go in?"

"No, I just wondered"—surprisingly meek.

"Well, if you want to, I'd go in."

O. K. Thanks.

Cops Are Cops
After these two bad jobs, I decided to try the cop (bold ambition). He was very young, and didn't look settled into cop-pish ways. (A mistake, as it turned out!)

I went over and asked in an innocent, babyish, tone: "Why are you a cop?"

"Because it's more exciting than lots of other things." This in a horribly tolerant tone.

"Why are you here?"

"To prevent trouble. Better watch out, those are reds. Don't get mixed up with them." Then, under his breath, "damned Communists!" and only a few out of the 30 present were in the Party.

Back to Picketing
Well, I gave up my reporting as a bad job and joined the picket line to see what it felt like to get "mixed up with those damned reds."

It felt O. K., and all's well that ends well.

Seek Election in Postal Telegraph

LOS ANGELES—To obtain collective bargaining rights, the American Radio Telegraphists Association, CIO affiliate, has filed a petition for elections in the Postal Telegraph Co. with the National Labor Relations Board.

C. H. Jordan, ARTA secretary, announced last week. Attempts are being made to negotiate union demands with the company for the entire West Coast, Jordan stated, but the union will call for elections if negotiations fail. The CIO drive on Postal is being carried on over the entire Pacific Coast.

Opposition is being met with in the Northwest. Jordan declared where the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is trying to split the workers by making separate agreements with the company.

carried lying stories that the men were "frightened" out of the plant, warned that should they refuse to leave, Ford would never settle. But when the men filed out, the settlement already was theirs.

Once again was recorded on the pages of history the strength of united workers.

FORM NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF FIELD UNIONS

Appeal to All Field, Cannery Locals To Cooperate

TRENTON, N. J.—Appealing to all agricultural and cannery unions to cooperate for establishment of one national union, secure protective legislation and give mutual help in organizing unorganized workers in the agricultural industry, the National Committee for Agricultural and Cannery Worker Unions has issued a statement of its purposes and accomplishments.

"At the present time we are supporting organizers or raising funds for unions in Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, Alabama, Florida, New Jersey, Arizona and Texas," writes Donald Henderson, National Secretary.

Aids Organization
The Committee has assisted in establishing state organizations in New Jersey, Colorado, Texas, Arizona, Alabama and Florida.

They are active in drafting legislation to establish a Bureau of Agricultural Labor in the Dept. of Labor, to gain a national system of unemployment insurance, and to see that agricultural workers are included in the Wagner Labor Relations Act.

Funds Raised in Other Industries
The Committee had a total income of over \$8,000 in 1936 and spent \$7,635, leaving a balance on hand the first of the year of \$311.

The report points out this money was not raised from agricultural and cannery unions but from unions in other fields and friends of organized labor. Committees set up for this purpose in Washington, D. C., New York, Baltimore, have raised about \$2,500.

This money was used to publish the Rural Worker, monthly paper, in English, and El Organizador Agrícola, monthly paper, in Spanish. Over \$1000 was given in direct support to unions and organizers, in addition to field work done by National Committee organizers.

Eight States Represented
The National Committee is made up of union representatives from eight states. All agricultural and cannery unions are urged to elect or appoint a representative on the committee. Only AFL unions are eligible.

Additional information can be secured from Donald Henderson, 25 N. Montgomery St., Trenton, N. J.

Smeltermen Form Calif. District

LOS ANGELES—Under a new set-up adopted recently by the Executive Board of the International Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union, the entire state of California has been made into a District with Chase Powers, present International Organizer, as District Director.

Powers will head the drive launched by the International Executive Board to organize all workers in metal industries, with the exception of iron, steel and tin workers.

For Big Organizing Drive
Other Districts formed by the Executive Board are Arizona, with Jack Shuper as Director; Couer d'Alene (Idaho), lead and zinc, with Thomas McGuire as Director; and Michigan and Minnesota, headed by James Robinson.

California ranks second in the nation on the basis of membership.

N. B. C. RADIO CHAIN FORMS A CO. UNION

LOS ANGELES—Formation of a company union of 56 employees of local studios of the National Broadcasting Co. was announced on May 21.

Volney G. Mathieson, spokesman for the CIO Coordination Committee here, charged the group had been formed "solely to thwart the CIO." No drive has been started yet to organize radio station employees, he added.

"Inside" information, Mathieson disclosed, showed that Don Gilman, NBC representative in San Francisco, telephoned long distance here to Tracy Moore, a known anti-union man, and asked him to form the organization and to become its head. Moore subsequently was elected temporary chairman.

The same thing, Mathieson said, has been done in San Francisco.